Editor's Note

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In this issue, the first paper is based on the keynote address by Miles Kimball that was presented at the EGRIE meetings held in September 2013 in Paris. We had the good fortune to have Ngo Van Long to provide extensive comments in his role as discussant. He took his responsibilities well beyond the usual expectations and developed some very interesting applications of the methodology pioneered by Kimball. As a result, we invited him to also submit a paper to be placed in this issue. With his co-authors R. Quentin Grafton and Tom Kompas, he further developed his remarks and we are also very pleased to include their paper in this issue.