



Editorial

Nowadays a belief that a new era has begun seems to be dominating international societies – the time of globalizing political problems and above all economic challenges is just happening. Observing the phenomenon of globalization taking place virtually in every aspect of life, one may see the overwhelming process of international growth resulting in richness and poverty in different corners of our globe. During the past couple of years, integration processes and co-dependency as well as correlations in world economy have become more and more significant. Also the development of worldwide access to the Internet contributed to accelerate the globalization process. Entrepreneurship seems to be a tool for eliminating disparities between regions in the world, that is why we what to dedicate this issue to international growth and entrepreneurship.

This issue includes 10 articles altogether, while the first six articles are dedicated to the theme of this issue, and the last four articles are published within the series 'Student Debuts'.

Dawid Jarco (Austria) in his article entitled *Testing and measurement of economic convergence – a review of some recent developments* elaborates on the various measures of economic convergence from the literature of the subject.

Arvydas Jadevicius (UK) in his article entitled *Day of the week effect and Baltic stock exchanges* checks how the day of the week impacts on exchanges.

Maryna Skyba (Ukraine) in her article entitled *The main tendencies of higher education in Ukraine in the context of the current challenges of European Integration* analyses pluses and minuses of Ukrainian higher education and the challenges caused by the integration processes towards the EU.

Christoph Siebert (Germany) in his article entitled *From essentialism and functionalism to a realistic concept of the 'visible hand': evolution of entrepreneurship concepts in the context of multipreneurship* discusses theoretical framework of entrepreneurship, exploring the concept of multipreneurship.

Paul Lane (USA) in his article *Dreaming, designing, doing, developing and innovation orientation: A case study of working in innovation Stanford style in remote rural Nicaragua* reveals a very innovative and creative environment provided by the international project realized in Nicaragua.

Joanna Szarek and Jakub Piecuch (Poland) in their article entitled *The importance of startups for construction of innovative economies* discuss how startups impact economies.

Marta Voloshyn (Ukraine) in her article entitled *Foreign Direct Investment as a pull factor of the economic growth in Ukraine in the period 2003-2016* discusses the role of FDI and its impact on the economy of Ukraine as an example of the economy in transition.

Klaudia Pietras (Poland) in her article entitled *Znaczenie zagranicznych inwestycji bezpośrednich w polskim sektorze usług w latach 2010-2015* undertakes the analysis on the role of FDI in services in Poland in the period of 2010-2015.

Michalina Piątek (Poland) in her article entitled *Zjawiska hamujące rozwój transgranicznego handlu elektronicznego w krajach Unii Europejskiej* discusses the hindrances against e-commerce across national borders in the European Union.

Mateusz Kućmierczyk (Poland) in his article entitled *Wpływ letnich igrzysk olimpijskich na gospodarkę miast, regionów i krajów na przykładzie Igrzysk XXXI Olimpiady w Rio de Janeiro* discusses the impact of Summer Olympic Games on the economies of host cities and regions taking Rio de Janeiro into a special consideration.

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