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Foreword

These essays were presented at the 17th World Congress of the International Economic Association held in Jordan, June 6–10, 2014. It was organized in partnership with the Columbia Global Centres – Middle East (Amman) and with generous support from a range of sponsors. The five-day program included five plenary sessions, 24 invited sessions, 15 policy sessions and over 90 contributed sessions, with over 600 people in attendance. The selection of papers in this volume gives a flavour of the range of issues that were discussed in the congress sessions which brought together a group of established and younger scholars from all over the world. The IEA is a fine example of international cooperation in the discipline of economics. The success of the congress owed much to the energy and commitment of the IEA President at the time, Joseph Stiglitz.

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