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General Editor's Foreword

Development economics is a core sub-discipline of economics and an area where there has been growing interest in the application of economic theory and the tools of applied economics to understand development processes better. The award of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economics to Professor Amartya Sen is an indicator of the growing centrality of this area of our discipline.

Case-study material is especially useful in this sub-discipline given the diversity of developing countries. This particular series was initiated as a response to the need to provide good-quality case-study material around particular themes. Volume 4 in the series, *Evaluating Economic Liberalization*, focuses on the experience of developing countries with liberalization. Since the 1980s over 100 developing countries have undergone liberalization programmes. The evidence on the success of those programmes is somewhat mixed. The papers in this volume look at ways of evaluating liberalization and include case-studies of actual experiences.

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