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Preface

This book is based on papers presented at an international workshop organised in Jönköping, Sweden, in June 2005 to celebrate the 60th birthday of Professor *Börje Johansson* – a dear friend and admired colleague of ours. The book provides a limited sample of *Börje Johansson's* broad ranging research interests. In this volume, some of his friends and colleagues have contributed chapters on the theme of “Innovation, Dynamic Regions, and Regional Dynamics”. This is a field of research in which *Börje Johansson* has been a great inspiration to us all, and to which he him-self has contributed with characteristic enthusiasm and insight as part of his prodigious output.

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