

Editorial

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Editorial Announcement

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With the publication of this second issue of the *Journal of Economics and Statistics* in 2023, I would like to remind you about the open call for papers for the special issues on “Advancing Agent-Based Economics” (Guest Editors: Michael Neugart and Frank Westerhoff) with deadline on December, 1st 2023, and “Sports Economics” (Guest Editors: Bernd Frick, Thomas Peeters, Rob Simmons) with deadline on November, 30th 2023. Submissions are accepted at any time and will be processed immediately. They will become available online in open access as soon as the process of reviews and revisions is completed. Thus, submitting to a special issue does not result in any delay of publication of individual papers. Further suggestions for topics of special issues are always welcome and can be sent directly to the managing editor.

I would like also to inform about changes in the editorial board. The editors would like to express their gratitude towards Gebhard Flaig and Winfried Pohlmeier, who left the editorial board, and welcome Roxana Halbleib from University of Freiburg as a new board member.

It is my sad duty also to announce the passing away of Knut Borchardt in February 2023. He had served the journal as one of its editors for 25 years from 1968 to 1982. As a member of the current editorial board with a focus on economic history as Knut Borchardt, Jan-Otmar Hesse commemorates him.

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Knut Borchardt (1929–2023)

Knut Borchardt, Germany's most eminent economic historian, passed away in February 2023, aged 93. He succeeded his teacher, Friedrich Lütge, as an editor of the *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik (Journal of Economics and Statistics)* in 1968, which he ran together with Alfred E. Ott and Heinrich Strecker until 1982. Borchardt worked at the intersection of economic history and economics and was most respected in both fields. His academic career took off, when he received a professorship in economics at the commercial college in Mannheim, which was

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promoted to a university in 1967 under the rectorship of Knut Borchardt. He changed to Munich University in 1969, where he succeeded Lütge on his chair in economic history and economics that he occupied until 1991.

Borchardt certainly left his mark as economic historian in Germany. Most known are his contributions to the history of the Great Depression in Germany, in that he tried to come to a more realistic interpretation of the contemporary economic policy of chancellor Heinrich Brüning. But his work spanned wide topics in German and European economic history as well as economics, to that he was always closely linked by his membership in the academic advisory board to the minister of economics. He represented close collaboration of economics and history in the field of economic history and therefore was far ahead of his time.

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