

Editorial

A tribute to the founders

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The launch of the *European Economic Review* in 1969 was an important milestone in the advancement and internationalization of economic research in Europe and, as such, also an important step on the path to the establishment of the European Economic Association in 1986. On the occasion of the publication of the 50th volume of the *Review*, the editors wish to acknowledge with thanks the path-breaking contribution of the *Review's* two founding editors, Herbert Glejser and Jean Waelbroeck. Both are Belgian nationals, and like many of Belgium's best and brightest economists they were educated or worked also in North America before bringing the best of their American academic experience back home to Belgium, and to Europe. Dedicated Europeans as they were, and still are, they are also prime examples of the early Americanization of Belgian economics. Thus was born their idea of establishing the first continental economics journal outside of Scandinavia with a rigorously implemented refereeing system. For the first 16 years, from 1969 to 1986, Glejser and Waelbroeck were the sole editors of the *Review*. During this period, they published about 10,000 pages with the help of about 2,000 referees. At the same time, they pursued their own ambitious research agenda, Glejser mainly as an empirical economist and econometrician, known to every student of economics by the Glejser test for heteroscedasticity, and Waelbroeck mainly as an international trade and development economist. Waelbroeck remained as editor until 1991, Glejser until 1993. We thank them for their invaluable contribution to the *European Economic Review* and feel honored to stand on their shoulders.

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