



## PREFACE

It is with pleasure that we present the 2024 issue of the Annali MEMOTEF, a multidisciplinary journal published by the Department of Methods and Models for Economics, Territory and Finance of Sapienza University of Rome.

Annali MEMOTEF is a peer-reviewed journal, which collects original studies in all the disciplines of the department (demography, economic geography, languages, mathematics, statistics, and economic history) and more generally from applied and behavioural sciences. The 2024 issue continues to target an international audience, to promote scientific, cultural, and multidisciplinary debate.

This year Annali MEMOTEF introduced an innovation in its structure by launching a new section entitled *Critical Reviews*. The new section aims to promote and disseminate works mainly, but not exclusively, developed by young scholars and/or PhD students in the areas of research covered by the journal, and provides an opportunity to discuss and present the cutting edge of current research, including illustrating structured literature reviews, innovative approaches, methodologies, and data sources.

Annali MEMOTEF is therefore now organized into: *Research Papers*, which contains innovative theoretical and empirical manuscripts; *Notes and Discussions*, providing a forum for thought on current research; *Critical Reviews* that provides detailed commentaries and critical evaluation of current research; and *Book Reviews* to acknowledge new and/or prominent recently published volumes.

We thank the authors of the contributions and all who responded to our call for papers. We also thank our referees for their commitment to reviewing the submitted papers. It is our hope that this issue will further stimulate interdisciplinary debate and will be a precious resource for the scientific community.

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