

## Peter Howells: A Tribute and Heartfelt Thanks

This edition of *Economic Issues* marks the end of an era for the journal. This is the first edition for a great many years not to have had Peter Howells either on the Editorial Board or steering the journal through the production process as our Production Editor.

*Economic Issues* began life, in 1978, as the *British Review of Economic Issues*, the house journal of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers of Economics. 1992 is an important year in the history of the journal. It marks the date when polytechnics were given – and took – the opportunity to become universities. That the journal continued to thrive in the aftermath of such a huge upheaval is a great tribute to the Editors and Editorial Boards, then and subsequently. Our back catalogue of *Economic Issues* and *BREI* indicates that 1992 is also when Peter joined the Editorial Board. We can only speculate whether he knew his connection to the journal would last 25 years, but from a ‘normal’ member of the Editorial Board, he subsequently became our Production Editor. In this position, he has helped to set and maintain the highest standards of production editing and has been an absolute joy to work with. The one disappointment about our working relationship is that, since 2004 when the (now) Department of Economics at Nottingham Trent University took over the hosting of the journal, we never actually met face to face. Peter has indicated that he wants to spend more time with his grandchildren, so his decision has certainly not been taken in pursuit of a quiet and relaxing life.

It is also our great pleasure to welcome our new Production Editor, Owain Hammonds, to the Editorial Board. Owain is not new to the journal, as he has been doing a fantastic job of printing *Economic Issues* for some years. We look forward very much to continuing to work with Owain in his newly expanded role.