

Foreword

This is the first issue of *CESifo Economic Studies* and yet its volume number is 49. The first 48 volumes came out under the name *Ifo Studien*. Founded in 1955, *Ifo Studien* was a scholarly economic journal that published empirical economic articles in German language. The new version of the journal amalgamates the old tradition with a new, more policy-oriented and less technical publication concept and switches the language of publication to English. I am glad that Gerhard Illing has accepted to serve as managing editor and that Roel Beetsma, Efraim Sadka and David Wildasin have agreed to support him as editors. The new journal closely cooperates with the international CESifo network of more than 400 economists from all over the world, from which the associate editors of the new journal were chosen. The associate editors include the previous editors Günther Poser, Hans-Jürgen Ramser, Gerhard Ronnig and Jürgen Wolters. I take the opportunity to thank them for many years of fruitful cooperation.

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