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PREFACE

The 6th European Doctoral Seminar held in September 2006 in Bamberg again been proved as useful conference for young economists from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Hungary and Macedonia. Useful, first of all, because the participants had the opportunity to present their basic ideas or first results for their Ph D theses. Presentations were followed by discussions, i. e. the authors had to answer questions, they had to defend or, if necessary, to revise their opinions. Participants as well as scientific organizers are deeply convinced that all activities done in the frame of EDS No. 6 – preparation of the presentations, the presentations themselves, discussions, and last, but not least, the preparation of the papers – will support the Ph D students to finish their doctoral programs successfully.

The present issue, No. 14 of Public Economics Series, contains the papers presented on the conference in Bamberg. Year by year the editors have to meet the very serious challenge to find a title for the miscellany, a title expressing the broad spectrum of themes and problems. It could be observed already in the last two years that the problems to be investigated in the Ph D theses are changing from extremely abstract models or exact descriptions of practical processes to a special kind of synthesis, where the chosen concrete economic problem is analyzed by using statistical data as well as the theoretical background has been explored by several models. From this point of view it is not surprising that the analysis of different institutions has been involved more and more into the investigations. Among the articles one will find analyses of the central banks' rule in economic life, about fiscal policy, about the privatization process or taxation, about rules to be introduced by economic policy for a successful catching up process or for efficient competition, etc. The editors would like to express their hope that the title „Economic Structure and Institutions” reflects all, or at least most of the authors' approaches.

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