

Editor's Note

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Nam T. Vu and I are delighted and honored to present the first issue of *Vietnamese Economic Review*.

The idea for the *Vietnamese Economic Review* emerged a year ago in London, during a conversation about bringing together Vietnamese economists from around the world and sharing their outstanding research with an international audience. After more than a year of work, this first issue offers an opportunity to present our vision for the VNER and to reflect on the progress we have made toward bringing that vision to life.

In the digital age, research can travel widely long before it is formally published. Yet academic journals continue to give scholarship something lasting: careful scrutiny, trusted recognition, and a place within the wider intellectual community. For Vietnamese economists around the world, the *Vietnamese Economic Review* seeks to provide such a home—a place where talented minds can exchange ideas, debate openly, disagree constructively, and contribute to a deeper understanding of Vietnam's economy and its place in the world. By bringing these voices together, we hope to strengthen the international visibility of Vietnamese economic research and inspire future generations of scholars.

Economics journals remain essential institutions, but they increasingly face challenges arising from slow editorial decisions and lengthy revision processes that can delay publication for years. These burdens do not always produce meaningful improvements and may particularly disadvantage younger researchers, who depend on publication to establish their reputations and bring new ideas and energy to the profession. The *Vietnamese Economic Review* does not seek to compete with existing economics journals. Rather, it seeks to complement them by addressing an important gap: the absence of a dedicated and internationally accessible platform for high-quality research on Vietnam and for scholarship produced by the wider Vietnamese economics community. By providing a rigorous, fair, timely, and constructive publication process, the journal aims to

give Vietnamese economic research greater visibility and to support scholars whose work might otherwise struggle to find an appropriate academic home.

The *Vietnamese Economic Review* (VNER) is a general-interest economics journal serving the Vietnamese economics community. It publishes high-quality theoretical and empirical research across all fields of economics, with particular interest in work that advances our understanding of Vietnam and connects Vietnamese scholarship with international economic debates. The journal welcomes articles with broad relevance and the potential for significant impact across a wide range of topics. All submissions must offer an original contribution in their motivation, methodology, evidence, or interpretation and must meet high standards of transparency and replicability.

The two papers in this first issue demonstrate the breadth, relevance, and methodological strength of applied economics. The first examines how London's Elizabeth Line affected residential property prices, distinguishing between anticipatory capitalisation during construction and market adjustment after the line opened. The second investigates how trade liberalisation in Vietnam influenced children's schooling and labour participation, highlighting important differences across age, gender, location, and family background.

Together, these papers show how major policy interventions can generate both intended benefits and unintended distributional consequences. Through rigorous empirical analysis and extensive data, they contribute to current debates on infrastructure, trade, education, labour markets, and economic development. We hope that readers will see these studies as reflecting the *Vietnamese Economic Review's* commitment to publishing rigorous, internationally relevant, and policy-oriented economic research.

Although it is still too early to assess our progress, we hope that this first issue marks the beginning of the VNER's mission to provide a rigorous, efficient, and internationally respected home for high-quality economic research. We invite readers to engage with the work published here and encourage scholars to consider the *Vietnamese Economic Review* as a home for their own research.

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