

Introduction

The present volume, “Selected economic issues of international markets”, contains a collection of six papers addressing selected issues in economics and finance. The monograph concerns the current problems and challenges in the field of international economic relations, economics and finance. The authors study and evaluate selected segments of international markets, considering both theoretical and practical aspects.

The first article discusses a selected transport problem. Rahman Fakhani presents *Important drivers influencing the transport mode choice for leisure activities – a study from Warsaw and Berlin*. The aim of this article is to identify underlying behavioural attitudes which impact the transport mode choice for leisure activities in Warsaw and Berlin, where mobility is becoming increasingly important alongside daily commuting.

In the second article, *The impact of the 2007–2008 crisis on NBA attendance*, Stamatiki-Maria Atsave examines whether the economic crisis of 2007–2009 had an impact on the number of spectators of the NBA games. The analysis also examines whether some teams are more recession-proof than others.

In the next paper, *The start-up visa system in Japan and its current state*, Wojciech Bizon and Hsin-Yi Tsai focus on foreign start-ups in Japan. This paper includes the background of the start-up visa system and its current situation.

The fourth paper, *Human capital and economic growth – evidence from the Balkan region*, is written by Emirgena Nikolli and Przemysław Borkowski. In this study, the authors empirically examine the relationship between human capital and economic growth in 8 Balkan countries over the period 2000–2019. The study documents the positive and statistically significant impact of human capital on economic development.

The subject matter of the fifth paper, written by Jonida Balliu and Tomasz Brodzicki, is the impact of economic growth and inflation. In this article, the research examines the impact of economic growth and inflation on the unemployment rate. The authors’ evidence is based on a sample of 11 countries of the Balkan region over the period 2000–2021.

The last paper is written by Barbara Szejgiec-Kolenda. The author in the article *The application of survival analysis in the study of export and import duration – first insights from intermediaries in Poland* used non-parametric survival techniques (Kaplan Meier function) analysing the duration of trade relations between Polish intermediaries and their foreign partners from 2007–2015. In addition, differences in survival curves for exporters and importers are analysed.

The diversity of international economic problems shows a holistic approach to composing this volume, which offers a novel and a scientific view on aspects of the world's economy.

I hope you will find this publication interesting and useful. I wish you a pleasant read!

Dariusz Tłoczyński
Editor
Sopot, 2022