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From the Editor:

It is a delight to welcome two new contributors to this issue of the journal. Both articles are broadly related to the theme of economic development. In a revised version of his paper presented at the July 2007 conference, Dutch economic philosopher Johan Graafland provides an evaluation of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches' 2004 declaration on the injustices of the global economic system.

In the second paper, Kenya based theologian Jim Harries addresses the significant topic of aid programmes for sub-Saharan Africa and the incentive problems that arise when due account is not taken of local cultural norms and religious beliefs. An alternative approach to aid is derived from the teachings of Jesus.

Given the importance of economic development, comments on the articles in this issue as well as further contributions under the development rubric from a Christian perspective would be most welcome.

Please note the advertisement overleaf for our annual small research grant competition.

Michael Pollitt is our Convenor and Study Group Organiser and will be pleased to receive offers to present papers at the forthcoming conference at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 4-5th July 2008.

As always, submissions for publication in the ACE journal are very welcome. Please feel free to send shorter reflection pieces as well as regular length articles and replies or comments on previously published papers. A set of preferred style and formatting guidelines for contributions is published on page iv.

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ACE Small Research Grant Fund

2007-08 Call for Proposals

The Association of Christian Economists UK (ACE) aims to promote discussion and research on economics and related topics from a distinctively Christian perspective. With this aim in mind, we are holding an annual competition for one or more awards of up to £1000 to support research consistent with the aims of ACE. Proposals would be expected to support a small research project or facilitate a research network leading to an article worthy of publication in the ACE Journal. It is envisaged that grants might be requested in order to pay for direct research expenses incurred such as the hire of a student research assistant, travel or information costs. Applicants should be current members of ACE UK. Applications are considered throughout the year and decisions on funding will be taken collectively by the officers of the society.

To apply, contact Michael Pollitt (m.pollitt@jims.cam.ac.uk) with a one page proposal.

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Guidelines for submissions to the Journal of the Association of Christian Economists

Submissions should not normally exceed 25 journal pages in length.

The line spacing for paragraphs is single. The font is Times New Roman 12 point for all text, including footnotes, to facilitate readability.

All paragraphs should be fully justified.

The first line of a new paragraph should be indented, with the exception of paragraphs that follow a heading, sub-heading or table or figure where there is no indentation required. There should be one blank line between paragraphs and two blank lines before a main heading or a sub-heading.

Main headings should be in bold and consecutively numbered using arabic numerals (1., 2., 3. etc). Sub-headings should be in italics and numbered consecutively and differentiated from the main heading by the use of a decimal point (e.g. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 etc).

Footnotes should be used in preference to endnotes, but kept to a minimum.

Page numbers should be at the top of the page and aligned on the 'outside'.

Headings for tables and titles for figures should be above the relevant text, centred and in bold. Tables and figures should have their own separate (arabic) numerical sequences.

Citations in the main text and footnotes should be given as follows:

Viner (1978), Iannaccone (1988, p.23), Hay (1989, pp.45-50), Becker (1981a) or (Viner, 1978; Iannaccone, 1988, p.23) as appropriate.

A list of references should be collected at the end of the article with full bibliographic details. This is preferable to including such details in footnotes. Examples of formatting for the list of references are given below:

References

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Stark, R. (2006), An Economics of Religion, in Segal, R. (ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to the Study of Religion*, Oxford: Blackwell.

Voas, D. Olson, D and Crockett, A. (2002), Religious pluralism and participation: why previous research is wrong, *American Sociological Review*, 67(2), 212-230.

Please leave a blank line between each of your references.