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## *From the Editor:*

This Christmas issue of the journal features three articles. The stimulating papers by John Evans and Robbie Mochrie were both presented at the ACE conference last July. John reports on his innovative and extensive work in estimating the economic value of the services provided by faith communities in Wales, computed to be an impressive £102.5m.

The nineteenth century Presbyterian minister, political economist and moral philosopher Thomas Chalmers was aware of the positive externalities of Christian activity and argued for greater church participation in the public arena. Robbie provides a valuable introduction to the thought of Chalmers and carefully evaluates his contribution.

Finally, a new member of ACE from Canada, Alan Chan, considers the case for an introductory microeconomic principles textbook that illustrates basic concepts using Christian, scriptural and ecclesiastical examples. He provides many imaginative and ingenious suggestions.

Please note the advertisement overleaf for our annual small research grant competition. John Sawkins and Robbie Mochrie from Heriot Watt University successfully applied for funding this year and we look forward to further applications from members.

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 constructive replies or comments on previously published papers. A set of preferred style and formatting guidelines for contributions is published on page iv.

It remains for me to wish readers many productive reflections on Christian Economics in the new year.

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## **ACE Small Research Grant Fund**

### **2008-09 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](mailto: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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Please leave a blank line between each of your references.