

## Editor's Statement

We open 2009 with a slightly delayed first issue but we hope the contents of the delay are worth waiting for. Our first article examines the prospects and promises of the Global Knowledge Society of the future. The article is written by the head of the Department of Applied Economics at Jagiellonian University, Poland's oldest University.

Next we examine the issue of reforming the health care system of China. Americans seem to think they have a health care problem. These problems are miniscule compared to China just in terms of sheer numbers. We then tackle the issue of food security and escalating food prices. We then offer two articles dealing with Tibet and China's energy policies. Many American are concerned with Tibet. We think knowing something about the history of Tibet and its connection with China would be a good place to start. Nothing like a little bit of knowledge before you jump to conclusions one way or another. We plan to continue to update this history in coming editions. However, readers should recognize that this version of history is the Chinese view published by the Chinese government. We do not have a Tibetan rebuttal or Tibetan version of this troubled history. The article on Chinese energy policy is also a government version of what it intends to do. Needless to say plans do not always turn out the way governments want it to but it still reflects "a plan"

The last article looks at entrepreneurship in Poland and China. This is a growing field of interest in economics and the article presents a primer on the topic for our readers. We conclude with a new feature – book review. Our book review editor examines a volume worth reading entitled Good Capitalism, Bad Capitalism. This volume examines several different models of modern capitalism. All in all we have put together a diverse selection of articles that cover a variety of current and futuristic topics. We hope you enjoy these topics and remember we are open to new manuscripts and we welcome financial contributions to sustain our efforts.

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