

INTRODUCTION:
ECONOMICS, HISTORY AND ECONOMIC HISTORY
IN STEFANO FENOALTEA'S CLIMETRICS

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The news of Stefano Fenoaltea's passing hit us like a bucket of cold water on the afternoon of September 14, 2020. Stefano was a dear friend and a one-of-a-kind colleague, someone with whom we had daily exchanges – e-mails, text messages, and calls – at all hours. It took us some time to metabolize the sad news, only to conclude that all of us – economic historians and economists familiar with Stefano's work – would benefit from meeting and discussing his legacy.

Against this background, the *Associazione per la Storia Economica* (ASE) and *Fondazione Luigi Einaudi*, two institutions that took great advantage from Fenoaltea's scientific engagement, organized a Symposium to reassess Fenoaltea's legacy, and to promote it among younger scholars. The conference was organized in collaboration with the Bank of Italy, and took place on November 12, 2021. At a time when all aspects of daily life were still badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was animated and vibrant. In particular, we were glad to see that many scholars were able to contribute, both by responding to the call for papers and preparing addresses *in memoriam*.

The two journals *Rivista di Storia Economica / Italian Review of Economic History* and *Annals of the Fondazione Einaudi* planned to publish a selection of the papers submitted to the Symposium, as well as the speeches delivered during the conference. In the present issue, the reader will find the opening speech by the Governor of the Bank of Italy, Ignazio Visco, fol-

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lowed by contributions prepared by Filippo Battiston and Marco Martinez, Giacomo Gabbuti, Antonio Iodice and Luigi Oddo, and Wasiq Kahn. A discussion of the last Fenoaltea's book, written by Alberto Baffigi, is also available. This is only the beginning of what will hopefully be an ongoing discussion of Stefano's legacy.