



Productivity and Efficiency Analysis

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Rising productivity of workers has been a synonym for economic progress. To enhance our understanding of the many dimensions of productivity, *Economies* is publishing a special issue on productivity, including productivity within nations, sub-national units, or industries. What factors cause growth or slowdown of productivity? What constrains productivity growth in some countries but not in others? Does a higher productivity automatically lead to higher wages or does it increase happiness? What has been the evidence on productivity convergence or lack thereof across countries or regions? We welcome papers on labor productivity or total factor productivity or a comparison between them. We also invite papers on the role of input efficiency vis-à-vis technological progress in productivity growth? Many countries seem to experience wide variations in productivity across sectors for extended periods of time. Do such differences persist because of sustained variations in technological progress across industries? If so, why are resources not reallocated fast enough? Also, critical surveys analyzing historical or modern literature on productivity are highly welcome.

