

Dr. Haili He
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Dear Dr. Haili He,

I am writing this letter to ask you to seriously reconsider your decision on the contract with Dr. Calla Wiemer as the Editor-in Chief of the *Journal of Asian Economics* (JAE).

I joined the *JAE* as an executive editor in 2019. Even though my service as an editorial member to the Journal is short, I have also had various experiences with the Journal as an author and a referee. For all my roles in the Journal, my experience with Dr. Wiemer was extraordinary.

Attracting good quality papers and those with great potentials is quintessential to improve a journal quality and eventually a journal metrics. In this regard, I believe Dr. Wiemer has been doing a great job. From my understanding, she makes great efforts to attend invited conferences to promote the Journal and solicit high quality papers. I was also one of them who were persuaded to submit my own paper to the *JAE* when I met her for the first time in a conference. She was willing to read the entire paper and provide me valuable suggestions even before the formal submission process. Such her efforts and dedication to the Journal made me determine to choose the *JAE* for a possible journal to publish my work even if an editor of other equivalent SSCI journal offered me to consider publishing it to his special issue.

As a referee to the *JAE*, I was also very impressed with how much she devotes her time and energies to encourage reviewers to dedicate to the Journal. She sent me a personal thank you email (not an automatic email as other journals usually do) letting know that how my review report could contribute to the Journal and which points I have made she particularly agrees with. I have never received such email directly written by an editor since reviewing hundreds of papers from many journals including one I have served as an editorial board member.

I strongly believe that these redoubled her efforts to put in to the Journal enable the *JAE* to achieve such a remarkable quality growth in the past few years and be listed in SSCI.

This kind of great experience seems not only limited to some acquainted with her. In an academic society, economists have shared their recent journal experiences to the *wiki*

(<https://www.econjobrumors.com/journals.php>). I figured that an author posted the following comment regarding his (her) experience with the *JAE*:

“Call Wiemer is a brilliant editor. She helped in improving the exposition of the paper. Overall, an excellent experience”.

As you know, author experience with a journal is one of top priorities for authors to choose a possible journal to publish their works given that a number of journals with the similar quality and reputation are out there. I am truly convinced that her great devotion to the Journal will keep providing phenomenal experiences to authors.

In sum, I very much support that Dr. Wiemer should be the Editor-in Chief of the *JAE* as long as her great devotion to the Journal lasts so that her excellent editorial work maintains a continuous upward trajectory of the Journal.

Should you need further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Juyoung Cheong', written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

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