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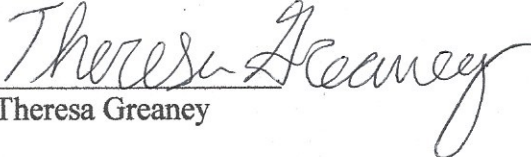
Dear Dr. He:

I am writing to express my strong support for Dr. Calla Wiemer, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE). She deserves a standard three-year contract renewal to continue her work in leading the JAE. Dr. Wiemer has been instrumental in improving the JAE's journal ranking in RePEc from the 250's range to the 160's range among over 2,000 ranked economics journals. She also was successful in getting the JAE included in the SSCI, which is crucial for scholars in many universities worldwide who need SSCI-listed publications on their curriculum vitae in order to be considered for tenure and promotion. By these objective measures, Dr. Wiemer has been extremely successful in her editorship of the JAE.

In addition, Dr. Wiemer has been a leader on metrics that are more difficult to measure. She has played a significant role in promoting research on Asian economies and building international networks of scholars with research interests in Asia. My involvement with the JAE includes service as an Executive Editor, a guest editor of special issues (twice) and an author. In 2017, Dr. Wiemer was instrumental in assisting my collaborator Baybars Karacaovali and I in guest editing a special issue entitled "Trade, growth and economic inequality in the Asia-Pacific region", JAE, 2017, volume 48. The research in that volume was conducted by scholars from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and the U.S. on research topics focused on China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, the U.S. and Vietnam. The researchers were a mix of senior scholars, junior scholars and graduate students, all of whom have now benefitted from publishing their research in the JAE.

Dr. Wiemer goes above and beyond what other journal editors do in terms of her communication with JAE authors. She let me know that my co-authored JAE paper "Economic growth and income inequality in the Asia-Pacific region: A comparative student of China, Japan, South Korea and the United States" (Yang and Greaney, 2017) reached a "most downloaded" status some months after publication and she followed up to let me know that it had been downloaded over 6,000 times as of early 2020. I have never before had a journal editor follow up with me to let me know any metrics involving my papers, so I appreciate Dr. Wiemer's unique efforts to communicate with authors even post-publication. This level of commitment to a journal deserves to be recognized and rewarded, so I strongly urge you to provide Dr. Wiemer with a three-year contract renewal to continue her excellent leadership of the JAE.

Sincerely,


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