

Half a century of Estudios de Economía

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Fifty years ago, the Department of Economics at the University of Chile embarked on a remarkable journey by launching the first issue of *Estudios de Economía*. The original vision of the journal was to serve as a platform for the dissemination of empirical research, primarily focused on the Chilean economy. Over the past five decades, the journal has undergone a significant transformation, evolving into a truly international publication that presents theoretical and empirical research at the frontier of the discipline.

From its inception, *Estudios de Economía* has been a witness to and participant in the evolution of economic thought in Chile and around the world. It has documented the major economic events, challenges, and reforms that have shaped Chilean society, while also broadening its focus to address global issues in economics.

Today, after publishing over six hundred papers, *Estudios de Economía* has established itself as a prominent journal in the field of economics. It is no longer confined to Chilean research; approximately one-third of submissions come from Europe, one-third from the Americas, and the remaining third from other regions of the world. This international reach has greatly enriched the journal, enabling it to serve as a forum for diverse perspectives on a wide range of economic issues.

Before the term “Open Access” became fashionable, *Estudios de Economía* was already making its research freely available. Early on, the journal adopted the internet as a means of disseminating its publications, and today all papers published since the journal’s inception can be freely accessed on our website.¹ This commitment to open access has allowed the journal to contribute to the dissemination of knowledge, ensuring that its research is available to economists, policymakers, and the general public around the world.

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¹ <https://www.estudiosdeeconomia.cl>

One of the most significant milestones in the journal's history was achieving ISI (now Web of Science) status. This distinction places *Estudios de Economía* among the most reputable economics journals in the world. Currently, the journal is included in nearly all the major academic databases—Scielo, EBSCO, RePEc, Scopus, and others—further enhancing its visibility and impact in the field of economics.

The journal's success has been built upon the quality of its papers and the dedication of countless individuals. Our anonymous referees play a crucial role in maintaining the rigorous standards of our publications, offering timely and constructive feedback. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the secretaries, executive editors, proof-readers, and the 28 editors who have served over the years. Their unwavering commitment has shaped *Estudios de Economía* into what it is today.

To mark the journal's half-century milestone, we have organized a special issue that honors the journal's origins by focusing on the Chilean economy. This issue not only pays homage to the journal's early focus on Chile but also acknowledges the international relevance of the Chilean economic experience. The issue covers various aspects of Chile's economic history, from its early economic reforms to its current challenges in the global economy.

While celebrating this anniversary, it is also essential to look ahead. As editor, I am optimistic about the future of *Estudios de Economía*. Although I may not be present to celebrate the journal's 100th anniversary, I am confident that it will continue to thrive, remaining at the forefront of academic discourse, adapting to new challenges and innovations in the field.

Our commitment to quality, innovation, and international collaboration will ensure that *Estudios de Economía* continues to provide valuable insights into the economic issues that shape our world. We look forward to another fifty years of excellence.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the authors, commentators, and especially the guest editors who contributed to this special issue. Their dedication and contributions have made this celebration of fifty years a memorable and significant milestone.

Thank you for being a part of this journey.

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