

Introduction

Keith Cowling has undoubtedly had a very large influence on economics, and industrial economics in particular, over his long (and continuing) career as an academic researcher and teacher. The two principal vehicles through which his influence has been felt are his published writings and his PhD students, although it would be remiss not to mention for example his role in the development of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, the *International Journal of Industrial Organization* and, more recently, the European Union Network for Industrial Policy. These two major influences provide the framework for the present tribute volume, since the set of contributors invited was drawn from those who have co-written with Keith and those (sometimes the same individuals) who have been his PhD students. Here I must enter a caveat – so far as I am aware no complete listing of Keith's PhD students exists. Thus it is entirely possible that I have omitted to ask someone who would qualify and who would have wanted to make a contribution. If so, I apologise to these individuals. Also of course, there were people who would have contributed but were unable to do so within the time available. Nevertheless, it is pleasing how many people have engaged with the substantial amount of work involved and so contributed to a significant volume in honour of Keith.

The volume has three parts covering three broad themes, each associated with a particular strand of Keith's own writings and each represented by four chapters. First, there is internationalisation, trans-nationalism and technical change. Then there is monopoly, oligopoly and social welfare. The final part relates to corporate governance, mergers and the evolution of industrial structure. Naturally, there is some overlap between the themes. In addition, I felt it important to note Keith's long association with the University of Warwick, spanning more than 30 years, so I am very pleased that Michael Shattock, sometime Registrar of the University and an old colleague (and adversary!) of Keith's has contributed a chapter on this. Indeed, it is interesting to note some parallels between this and Roger Sugden's chapter, which relate to Keith's views about what a university should be. Keith has also provided a listing of his academic papers.

I would like to thank Roger Sugden in particular for useful discussions regarding this project, also to thank Gill Pearce and Margaret Nash for their assistance in assembling the collection.

This book is dedicated, posthumously, to two of Keith's former PhD students who clearly could not contribute but who certainly would have been asked – Simon Domberger and Ian Molho.

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