

# Preface

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This book has evolved from selected papers presented at the second European Meeting on Applied Evolutionary Economics (EMAEE), held at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration in September 2001 around the theme 'Advancing Empirical Research Methodologies in Evolutionary Economics'. The chapters deal with various aspects of applied evolutionary economics and related policy issues. These contributions are at the frontier of the field, and selected to focus upon key areas currently under investigation. There is no attempt to cover all aspects of current research. The book reflects the fact that evolutionary economics has reached a new level of maturity as it develops coherent empirical strategies and moves beyond a narrowly construed reliance on models of competitive selection towards a more general analytical framework built upon complexity theory. The book will be useful to researchers interested in economic evolution, economic growth, economic development, innovation, industrial organization and modelling economic evolution. It will also be useful to advanced students in all of these fields.

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