Acknowledgements

This book is a translated, updated and revised version of an earlier book by the same authors titled *L'Università e il sistema economico*, published in Italian by Il Mulino in 2013. It offers a more international perspective to the analysis of the ongoing changes in university governance, funding and interaction with the economy, particularly focused on examples and data from Europe. Chapter 5 presents a new international analysis of university performance. Chapter 6 is an entirely new chapter on funding and research evaluation in a comparative perspective (Italy and the United Kingdom), and Chapter 7 has been revised and updated. The other chapters have all been updated with more recent data and with examples drawn from the university systems of various countries. The conclusions have also been rewritten to take into account the new international perspective.

We wish to thank the co-authors who have collaborated with us in writing several chapters of this book: Mauro Sylos Labini (author of Chapter 3 and co-author of Chapter 6), Matteo Piolatto (co-author of Chapter 6 with Aldo Geuna and Mauro Sylos Labini), Isabel Bodas Freitas, Federico Caviggioli, Paolo Cecchelli and Marco Riva (co-authors of Chapter 7 with Aldo Geuna and Federica Rossi).

For their support in the collection of the data used in Chapter 7, we thank: the Chamber of Commerce of Turin, and particularly Barbara Barazza, who kindly helped us in the realization of the UIPIE survey; Francesco Lissoni and Fabio Montobbio who helped us to create the statistical sample used in the PIEMINV survey and provided some of the variables used in the analysis; and Cornelia Lawson who collaborated with us in the construction, organization and analysis of the PIEMINV dataset.

We are also very grateful to Cristiano Antonelli, Giuseppe Bertola, Andrea Bonaccorsi, Maurizio De Tullio, Benedetto Lepori, Fabio Montobbio, Francesco Lissoni, Matteo Piolatto, Giorgio Sirilli, Roberto Torrini, John Tumpene and Marco Viola, whose detailed comments on the manuscript have helped us to improve it considerably. This book would not exist without the skilful translation and rewriting work of Margaret Greenhorn, whom we thank very much.

The research work that has led to this book has been supported by several grants. The following research projects in particular were

instrumental in providing funding for our research activities: ‘Impatto degli Atenei sull’Area Metropolitana Torinese’ (IAMAT) coordinated by Fondazione Rosselli; ‘Researcher Mobility and Scientific Performance’ of Collegio Carlo Alberto; ‘Cultural and Innovation Dynamics – Explaining the uneven evolution of human knowledge’ (CID), contract n. FP6-043345 of the European Commission; ‘An Observatory for Science in Society based in Social Models’ (SISOB), contract n. FP7-266588 of the European Commission; ‘Policy Incentives for the Creation of Knowledge: Methods and Evidence’ (PICK-ME), contract n. FP7-266959 of the European Commission.

Finally, Aldo Geuna thanks the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) for support provided during his sabbatical leave at Stanford University. Federica Rossi thanks her institution, Birkbeck, University of London, Department of Management, for the support and financial assistance provided for the completion of this work.