Foreword I

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It is a privilege and a pleasure to write a preface to my long-standing friend Phil Armstrong's volume. I have always admired Phil's approach to teaching economic principles to high school students. By relating economic principles to their originators' personalities and times, he makes economics come alive. In his 'retirement' he has worked hard at research and now he has enabled a number of people to tell us their attitudes, approaches and contributions. These interviews and records are full of illuminations and enrich our understanding of modern economics, its problems as well as its achievements. We are much in Phil's debt for bringing the interviews together. His enthusiasm and deep thinking run beneath the text of the volume. Please read on.