Introduction

I’m delighted to introduce the English language version of Andreas Dombret’s latest book, *Stable Banks in Challenging Times: Contributions of Andreas Dombret at the Deutsche Bundesbank 2010–2018*. In the enclosed chapters, Andreas provides keen insights and policy advice on the major economic and financial policy issues of the day, issues of importance not only for Germany and Europe, but also for the rest of the world. Andreas’s expertise and his policy responsibilities at the Deutsche Bundesbank and the ECB focused on bank supervision and financial stability – topics of the utmost global importance in the 12 years since the Great Financial Crisis of 2007–09. Reform of the global financial system was among the highest policy priorities during his years as a policymaker. He played a central role in developing new rules and new oversight of finance – improving the safety and soundness of the system – for Europe and the rest of the world.

In this volume, he presents financial policy challenges – and solutions – with his typical great clarity, while also demonstrating a clear eye to the political and economic realities of our times. The care and precision in his writings speak to his deep policy experience: as a member of the Basel Committee on Bank Supervision during the creation of Basel III, as a senior Bundesbank policymaker during the euro crisis of 2010–12, and as a senior bank supervision policymaker during the creation of Single Supervisory Mechanism for the Eurosystem.

Since 2018, Andreas has been an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs, and in 2018 was one of the School’s two Clyde Wu Fellows. His generous engagement with students and faculty at Columbia SIPA as well as his deep interest in addressing the most important outstanding issues in regulation and financial stability have been a wonderful addition to the intellectual environment at SIPA.

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