Foreword

This volume is the result of a conference held at Saint Mary’s University in September 2003. Shortly after this event, Gavin Boyd died, so this book is dedicated to his memory and contribution to the financial/political economy literature.

Gavin was born in Australia, and, although a political scientist by training, it was more political economy that captured his interest, particularly international trade and investment issues. I first met Gavin in the early 1980s, when I joined the Business School at Saint Mary’s University from the UK. We shared similar interests, and we very much complemented each other in our approach, and, although we never published papers together, we spent many productive hours together discussing and debating. I also contributed to several of his edited volumes.

Gavin could always be relied upon to know of a pertinent book or article. To some at conferences it might have been seen as an irritant to have him say ‘Have you seen the latest paper by …’, but to those that knew Gavin, his knowledge of the literature and willingness to share, as well as his network of colleagues, are legendary. Although Gavin retired in 1989, he was always active with conference presentations and seminal papers and remained faithful to his use of a typewriter!

The year 1995 marks a significant date in Gavin’s productivity. Halifax, Nova Scotia was host to the G7. Gavin thought that it was imperative that an academic conference be held as a precursor. The papers from that conference and the others that followed at Saint Mary’s University marked a fruitful partnership with Edward Elgar. The first book was edited by Gavin Boyd and Alan Rugman, and was called Euro-Pacific Investment and Trade (Elgar, 1997). Gavin worked on many other projects over the last ten years, all under the Edward Elgar imprint.

Apart from his command of the literature, Gavin’s standards for publication were extremely high. He would not tolerate slipshod work, and he took great care at editing, often with many suggestions for rewrites.

He enjoyed many successful partnerships with scholars in the field, held an Adjunct Professor position at the Business School at Saint Mary’s University, and at Rutgers he was an Honorary Professor. He leaves a rich legacy to the academic world, not only from his own writings, but through
his ability to bring together a wide range of scholars for symposiums or conferences. Many of these are icons in the literature and others newly emerging scholars that Gavin saw as future leaders.

This present volume addresses the policy issues that were very dear to Gavin’s heart – a vision of greater transatlantic integration, cooperation and alliances.

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