Preface

This is the second reader produced by the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) through Edward Elgar Publishing.¹ The aim of these volumes is to present an exciting and diverse body of work in economics and related disciplines, to undergraduate students, graduate students and lecturers. Much of this work is neglected in standard textbooks and is missing from standard disciplinary curricula, yet it is becoming widely discussed and it is opening up many exciting new avenues of research.

With the exception of the present introduction, the essays reprinted here have all been published before. They all appeared in collections of papers presented at successive EAEPE annual conferences from 1993 to 2002, which in turn appeared in EAEPE conference volumes published from 1997 to 2005 inclusive.² The papers have been selected not simply on their merit but also to provide a coherent structure for the reader as a whole, with a special focus on the evolution of economic institutions. All the essays have been further edited before their reprinting here and some datasets have been updated.

NOTES

1. The previous reader was Hodgson (2002b).