

# Preface

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During the last decade the world has experienced different types of socio-economic impacts from the 2008 crisis. Consequently, there is a clear need for a solid, evidence-based scientific analysis of the economic crisis and different responses at the sectoral, provincial, national and international levels.

This volume contains a set of original research contributions on crisis, resilience and innovation. The volume seeks to offer new insights in the overlapping areas of these topics by offering both broad reviews and various empirical studies. All these contributions mirror the scientific importance and policy relevance of resilience and innovation. Thus the volume offers refreshing contributions, in particular to academia and social scientists, planners and policy-makers, the business sector and society at large. An important conclusion from the chapters in this volume is that research in the field of resilience and innovation significantly contributes to a better understanding of the complexity of the issue concerned and is able to help develop relevant policies for overcoming the impacts of economic crisis.

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