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# PREFACE

The links between transportation and economic development are complex and far from being fully understood. This is as true for airlines as other modes. This collection of original papers offers both general observations on the economics linking airlines and economic development, together with some more microanalysis of particular issues. It contains not only technical analyses but also interdisciplinary studies linking economics with a broad range of geographical, management, and political disciplines. It has been increasingly recognized that the essentially engineering approach to human behavior underlying neoclassical economics, with its focus on the motivations and actions of *homo economicus*, is too limited to fully understand how markets function. Indeed, many of the more recent contributions dealing with airlines and developing countries have been published outside of the mainstream economic journals.

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