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Essays on Growth, Development and Finance includes selected papers on special topics in economics that were presented at various conferences organized by the Athens Institute for Education and Research in 2010, 2011 and 2012. More than 250 participants attended the three conferences on Economics alone from Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Australia, and Asia. The conferences’ papers covered a variety of topics in economics ranging from Macroeconomics, International Economics, Financial Economics. The current volume includes selected papers on special topics in Financial Economics from those presented at the conference. All papers have undergone an academic peer review by members of the academic community. The 19 essays presented in this volume give readers an understanding of Models and Applied Studies and Growth Development.

This conference provides a singular opportunity for presenters from all over the world to meet and share ideas with the aim of expanding the understanding of our discipline. The nineteen papers in this volume were selected for inclusion after a process of blind-review by at least two of the editors and reviewers. The volume is organized roughly along traditional lines. This should not, however, mislead a reader into supposing that the topics or approaches to problems fall neatly into traditional categories.

The selection of papers chosen for inclusion gives some sense of the variety of topics addressed at the conferences. However, it would be impossible in an edited volume to ensure coverage of the full extent of diversity of the subject matter and approaches brought to the conference itself by the participants, some of whom could not travel to one another’s home countries without enormous difficulty.