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Dear Colleague,

On July 1st, I will be replacing Ran Spiegler as Editor at *Theoretical Economics*. This is a great honor and I hope to live up to the standards that have been set by my predecessors (Martin Osborne, George Mailath, and Rani).

Personally, this journal is very meaningful to me. I am a great believer that knowledge should be free, rather than hidden behind paywalls of conglomerates that have nothing to do with its creation. I witnessed the early days of the journal when I was an Assistant Professor at Toronto, watching Martin pour so much energy into the design of the editorial software, the selection of papers, and even the copy editing. Since then, the partnership with the Econometric Society strengthened the journal, and the introduction of referrals from *Econometrica* has provided a steady stream of submissions. Over the last four years, Rani has done a fantastic job further raising the quality of the journal, while keeping down the turnaround time, and pushing back on the trend of ever-longer papers. I hope to be a good steward and help cement *TE*'s status as the leading theory journal.

As Editor, I will work with our team of Coeditors (Federico Echenique, Marina Halac, Todd Sarver, and Florian Scheuer) and world-class Associate Editors to publish the best of pure and applied theory. In doing so, we will uphold the following principles:

1. To maintain the highest intellectual standards. Our goal is for *Theoretical Economics* to be the top outlet for economic theory.
2. To keep down the turnaround time. See our turnaround [statistics](#). If a paper goes above three months, feel free to write to me and ask about the status; this will in no way affect the decision.
3. To encourage shorter papers and push back on requests for endless extensions. See our [statement](#) with *Econometrica* and *QE*.
4. To make reasonable requests for revisions. As stated on our [editorial standards page](#), we avoid speculative revisions and try to make the final decision on the second round.
5. To maintain the highest ethical standards. Our [editorial code of conduct](#)

prevents a Coeditor from submitting a paper to the journal, or from handling papers where there is any conflict of interest.

If you have ideas about how to make the journal better, how we can further promote economic theory, or how we can have a positive impact on the profession in general, then let me know!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon Board". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'B'.

Simon Board