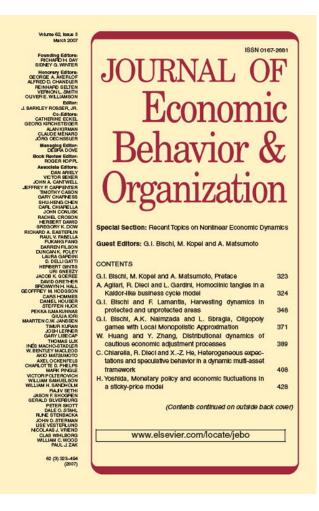
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## Preface

This special issue on "Recent Topics on Nonlinear Economic Dynamics" contains a selection of papers which have been presented at the Third International Conference on Nonlinear Economic Dynamics (NED). This conference took place from July 29–31, 2004, at Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, and was dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the Department of Economics. The previous two NED conferences were held at the University of Southern Denmark in 2002 and 2003. NED is an international and annual meeting of scholars interested in economic dynamics with the intention to bring together the different streams of the growing literature in this field, to stimulate collaborations and to enable a fruitful exchange between theoretical research and applications in economics. The papers which appear in this issue have undergone the standard refereeing process of the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization and the contributions address a variety of recent research topics in such different areas as oligopoly theory, fishery economics, financial economics, and macroeconomics.

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