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Preface

In this fifty-fourth issue of the journal *Econometrics*, seven articles are published. Magdalena Osińska presents some remarks on the Polish contribution to financial econometrics. The article by Justyna Brzezińska concerns the analysis of latent variable models in economic research. Exploratory factor analysis in the measurement of the competencies of older workers is the subject of the article by Justyna Wiktorowicz. The article by Marcin Gąsior and Łukasz Skowron describes methods for imputation of missing values and their influence on the results of segmentation research. The next article covers aspects of the means-end approach in market segmentation – clustering of laddering data. Anna Sączewska-Piotrowska presents definition, factors, predictions of near poverty. The last paper, by Łukasz Mach, discusses the evaluation of real estate market development with special consideration given to the stages of the building process.

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