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INTRODUCTION

It is a pleasure to introduce this set of papers that represents the works of teaching assistants and doctoral candidates from both collaborating academic institutions: Poznan School of Economics and European University-Viadrina from Frankfurt (Oder), presented at the Lubniewice seminar in June 1996. These two schools started the intellectual exchange among young academics, interested in the problems of transition from plan to market, already in 1995, when first Lubniewice seminar within the same format took place. Discussions were interesting and the whole idea was deemed to be a success. Thus, the collaborating academic institutions decided to put the meetings on a longer lasting basis. This is how the second Lubniewice seminar was decided upon. In spite of some last moment cancellations, the interest remained high and the debates were no less lively than on the first such occasion.

Encouraged, the management of the Poznan School of Economics decided to publish the presentations prepared for the seminar by its participants. The product is presented on the following pages. The papers are not concentrated on a narrow topic but span across a wide range of subjects related to transition, and are written from either economics or management perspective. Teaching assistants and doctoral candidates working in different chairs and departments are specializing in different subjects. Therefore, they display a variety of intellectual interests. In spite of the foregoing, however, these young academics seemed to enjoy venturing into debates on often distant disciplines of their profession. This interest is a good omen for future encounters in Lubniewice.

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