In memory of Professor Guido Cazzavillan (1963 - 2014)

On April 29, 2014, our dear friend, colleague, and Editor of the journal Research in Economics, Guido Cazzavillan passed away aged only fifty-one. His sudden death has left a void in the lives of colleagues and friends. As a world-class academic, mentor, collaborator and reviewer his contributions were without exception exemplary. The international community of economists has lost one of its most dedicated researchers.

Guido Cazzavillan was an influential thinker and a creative scholar in the field of macroeconomics and economic growth. He began his economic education at Ca’ Foscari University, graduating in 1986, and later received his PhD degree at Yale University in 1994, under the supervision of Professor Willem Buiter, Jean-Michel Grandmont, and Christopher Sims. He then held academic appointments as Assistant Professor of Economics first at Yale and afterwards in several important European Universities. In 2002, he decided to return to Venice and to his alma mater, Ca’ Foscari University, becoming Full Professor and subsequently the Head of the Department of Economics.

Guido Cazzavillan’s research ranged from endogenous growth theory, indeterminacy and equilibria in economic models, and development policies in transition economies. In each of these areas, he published widely in first-rate academic journals such as Journal of Economic Theory, Review of Economic Dynamics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, and Research in Economics.

As Editor-in-Chief of Research in Economics from 2001, Guido Cazzavillan was successful in boosting the journal’s international reputation by following a distinctive strategy of integrating the work of promising young scholars with that of luminary economists.

Those of us who had the privilege to know Guido valued not only his highly professional advice, but also experienced his unique sense of humanity. His understanding of personal and professional issues was both sensitive and thoughtful. Guido Cazzavillan will live on in our memories. We offer our sincere condolences to his family.