

# Acknowledgments

This volume is the result of a team effort. More to the point, it is the result of the passion and professionalism of a group of colleagues who agreed to lend their time and talent to a collective adventure in thinking. They worked on this book while attending to their busy day jobs—that is, they gave us their personal time. They cut no corners, skipped no idea, and shied away from no debate so they could ensure that their views and positions were clear, substantiated, and honest. They were a development community at its best.

So, we have many people to thank.

First, we thank the authors, each of whom took us on an intellectual journey from the issues and countries on which they worked to the way they saw those issues and countries transforming in the future. We are indebted to them not only for the quality of their contributions, but also for their agreement in letting us bring them together, for the comments they provided on each other's chapters, and for the patient way they dealt with our never-ending questions.

Second, we are grateful to the colleagues who helped us move from a pile of unsynchronized drafts to this neatly produced book: Diane Stamm, our outstanding language editor, who made the writings of mostly non-native English speakers read impeccably well; Michael S. Geller, our production manager who was responsible for, among other tasks, the amazing visuals of the book; Riccardo Trezzi, who set a new, world-class standard in the craft of researching in real time (more frequently than not, that time meant late nights and long weekends); Cristina Palarca, our task programmer who ensured that the many components of the process happened at the right

time and in the right way; and Janet Piller, who helped us allocate and maximize our resources.

To all of them, our sincere gratitude.

Otaviano Canuto

Vice President and Head

Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network

The World Bank

Marcelo Giugale

Director

Poverty Reduction and Economic Management for

Latin America and the Caribbean

The World Bank

Summer 2010