

## INTRODUCTION

Today's university faces the challenge of conducting world-class scientific research, fostering international cooperation and disseminating scientific developments. With this end in view it is necessary to follow and acknowledge the best practices adopted by universities and their researchers across the world.

The University of Economics in Katowice, committed to the pursuit of scientific excellence, has resolved to recognise the achievements of an eminent scientist indefatigably involved in the popularisation of science, who works closely with our Alma Mater.

The person to be awarded the highest academic honour – the doctor honoris causa degree – is Professor Malay Ghosh, Distinguished Professor at the University of Florida, a world authority in the field of statistical theory and its applications in, inter alia, economic and social sciences.

Professor Malay Ghosh is our highly valued partner, who has been cooperating with the Department of Statistics, Econometrics and Mathematics at the College of Management. We wholeheartedly welcome the fact that the accomplishments of the Katowice research team have caught Professor's attention, and that our shared scientific interests translate into specific initiatives, such as visiting lectures, international seminars and publications.

Professor Malay Ghosh has thereby become our University's global ambassador. It is, therefore, a great honour and pleasure to confer the degree of doctor honoris causa on Professor Ghosh and thus admit him into the community of the University of Economics in Katowice.

*Vivat Academia, Vivant Professores!*

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