

ARNOVA

Presents the

2024 Virginia A Hodgkinson Research Book Prize

to

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(editors)**

for

“Social Economy Science: Transforming the Economy and Making Society More Resilient”

Social Economy Science is an ambitious project organized by scholars mainly based in Europe and aimed at examining social and environmental purpose-oriented organizations (that might also be thought of as third sector, non-profit sector and social enterprise organizations) and activities such as social and impact investing. The book sets out to theorize just what is meant by the social economy and how it might be expected to drive social change, by drawing on and combining two theoretical anchors organization

theory, in particular institutional theory, and transitions theory. In doing so, the book covers a wide range of topics including discussion of social enterprises, impact investing, impact measurement, social economy knowledge sharing and training and social procurement.

The committee noted that Social Economy Science reflects a cohesive project with a clear theoretical base, with analysis of the aforementioned phenomena from multilevel and global perspectives. The discussion is of broad application and of both theoretical and practical interest to researchers and policy-makers. Indeed, a key strength of the book is its focus on practical and policy suggestions with a number of the contributors having worked in government and industry and many chapters offering insights and tools for practitioners, government officials and policy-makers. The book also offers a very rich contextual analysis of various aspects of the social economy, with the political, social, economic and regulatory dimensions very well captured and offering useful global context for ARNOVA members and other researchers.