

Report of the President – June 2024

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EEA Central Office

The EEA continues to be very grateful to Antonio Cabrales who is now serving his 9th year in the role of Executive Vice-President of the EEA - we thank him for his continuous work and huge energy in undertaking the enormous task. He is assisted by Gemma Prunner-Thomas, who continues to manage the running of the central office.

Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)

JEEA is now in its 22nd year of publication and is published six times a year by OUP.

Publishing JEEA remains one of the main activities of the EEA, and JEEA continues to achieve major results in terms of impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received.

In 2023, we welcomed Jonas Hjort (UCL) to the JEEA Editorial Board and Romain Wacziarg replaced Imran Rasul, who stepped down at the end of his 2nd term, as Managing Editor. At the start of this year, there were more large changes – we welcomed Matthias Doepke, Thierry Mayer and Christopher Roth, taking the board of editors up to 9, after Nicola Pavoni and Giovanni Peri's 2nd terms came to an end. Moreover, we welcomed Maia Güell as JEEA 1st Data Editor. Now is a good time to mention that in September, Alp Simsek will join the team, replacing Guido Lorenzoni.

We thank all JEEA Editors for their dedication and service to JEEA over their terms.

Additional information on JEEA will be found in the Report of JEEA Editor.

European Job Market Committee

EJME Committee

At the end of 2023, Randi Hjalmarsson stepped down from Committee after 3 years at its helm. We decided to enlarge the Committee to include a representative from the European Association for Young Economists (EAYE) - Teresea Estaban-Casanelles; a central bank - Fadi Hassan (Bdl). We also invited Lisa Spantig and Jan Zapal. David Schindler, who has been instrumental on preparing the EJME workshops over the past few years, accepted our invitation to chair the Committee. Moreover, the ES, SEA and RES, reconfirmed their representatives on the EJME Committee.

EJME 2023/2024 Season

In mid-spring, 2023, the EEA, after consulting with its partners on the EJME - the RES and SEA - we announced that the 2023 EJME would once again be virtual. Our question was how to design the 2023-2024 EJME so that candidates and recruiters can plan ahead and engage in a coordination game. We made a number of

recommendations on mass interview and fly out dates interview dates and most importantly, we called on all recruiters to avoid making offers with a deadline earlier than February 1, 2024. Our 2023 President, Maristella Botticini, also did a lot of work contacting all institutions who had at one point interviewed in our in-person EJMEs, encouraging them to sign up as publicly supporting our design. Over 125 recruiters came out in support of our recommended dates.

Alongside the services we offered to EJME candidates through the EJME candidate Directory and the virtual sessions, for EJME 2023/2024, we set up mock interviews for candidates, calling on EEA members to act as mock recruiters. Over 40 members signed up for this initiative and we managed to set up 15 interviews. The initiative will be repeated for EJME 2024/2025.

All information regarding the EJMEs can be found on the [EJME website](#)

Standing Committee on Economic Education

Committee

Alvin Birdi has been chairing the committee since 2019. He is joined by Cloda Jenkins, Pedro Rey Biel, Marco Paccagnella and Eileen Tipoe.

Initiatives

- ***Conversations With.....Series***

This conversation series showcases innovating teaching ideas that academics across universities are using in their day-to-day teaching. The videos are housed on the EEA You Tube channel.

- ***Resources***

There is a section on the Education Committee webpage dedicated to a collection of valuable resources and external links outlining various teaching and assessment techniques. These can be useful to Professors, teaching fellows, and tutors looking to diversify their teaching method and delivery while also maintaining an active student engagement in the virtual environment. The resources include the Committee's 2023 research report on Economics Degrees in Europe.

- ***Awards & Seed Grants***

The Education Committee has been awarding 2 types of prizes to academic economists who have made a significant contribution to spreading knowledge on economics through their teaching since 2022. There are 2 types are for exceptional teaching and for innovation in teaching. In late 2023, the shortlisted candidates for the Innovation in Teaching Award held a virtual workshop to present their projects to EEA members. The session was well-attended.

In late 2022, the Committee launched the Seedcorn Fund, which supports the development and implementation of small-scale innovative projects aimed at improving the delivery of higher education and the undergrad or postgrad student learning experience. 4 educators (2 in 2023 & 2 already in 2024) have already benefitted from this grant of €2,000 per grantee.

Education Committee at EEA-ESEM 2023

During EEA-ESEM 2023 in Barcelona, the Education Committee held a joint workshop with CORE. The Committee focused on the question how to strengthen the bridge between economics research and economics teaching. The session was well-attended.

The EEA thanks the Committee for their immense work!

Standing Committee on Research in Economics

Committee

Nezih Guner has been chairing the Committee since the beginning of 2023. He was joined by Jaime Arellano-Bover and Paula Gobbi, and since 2024, Chris Rauh.

Replication Games at EEA-ESEM Congresses

The Replication Games of the Institute for Replication came to EEA-ESEM 2023 in Barcelona and was attended by over 80 participants. The Replication Games will be held in Rotterdam, back-to-back with EEA-ESEM 2024

Research Committee Panel at EEA-ESEM 2023 & EEA-ESEM 2024

Back-to-back with the Replication Games 2023, the Research Committee organized a very well-attended panel - Reproducible Research from Day 1 - during EEA-ESEM 2023. The instructors, Miklós Koren (Research Committee member) and Lars Vilhuber, in their roles as data editors of the Review of Economic Studies and the American Economic Association Journals respectively, helped participants understand how following some best practices from day 1 can not only help researchers prepare a replication package at the end of your project, but also by doing so, makes you a more productive researcher.

For EEA-ESEM Rotterdam 2024, Chris Rauh is organising a workshop on survey design. The workshop will cover how to elicit beliefs, set up a survey, deal with survey companies, and practicalities to keep in mind when collecting primary survey data. The course will discuss in detail how to elicit and analyze beliefs using hypothetical surveys and how to go about the implementation of a randomized information treatment. This session will also discuss trade-offs involved in terms of survey length, complexity of survey questions, and scales to quantify beliefs.

Collaboration with the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE)

In 2021, the EEA Council approved the joining of the EEA to the ISE. The guiding mission of the ISE is to bring issues of common interest of the research community to the attention of policymakers, primarily with the European Commission, the European Council and the European Parliament, and when appropriate with national governments and parliaments.

In 2023, Paula Gobbi joined this interdisciplinary panel and the Committee approached Manuel Arellano, Mathias Dewatripont, Andreu Mas-Colell, and Reinhilde Veugelers to sign, on behalf of EEA, a statement supporting the Horizon Europe programme. Paula is organising a session around this at EEA-ESEM 2024 Rotterdam.

ERC Grants

Alongside the ERC, the Research Committee are organising a Q&A session in Rotterdam about how to apply for funds.

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Standing Committee on Minorities in Economics (MinE)

Committee

Massimo Morelli been chairing the Committee since the beginning of 2022. He was joined by myself, Sulin Sardoschau, Sang Yoon (Tim) Lee and Vincent Sterk. Vincent and Tim have recently stepped down, as have I, Dario Sansone and Zeinab Aboutalebji have recently joined MinE. Thanks to Vincent and Tim for their dedication to the Committee.

In late August 2023, the MinE Committee invited ES to sit on Committee. Gilat Levy was invited by ES as their representative and joined the Committee in September.

Professional Climate in Europe Survey

In early January 2024, the MinE Committee, in collaboration with the German Economic Association's (VfS) Working Group "Code of Ethics", (and financed by the EEA), launched a professional climate in Europe survey. The MinE Committee attempted to extend the survey participation to as many PhD students as possible as observations have been made about how the problems of discrimination perhaps intervene very early on in ones studies in academia. The survey was closed in early March and the MinE Committee is preparing a report to be presented at EEA-ESEM 2024 around the data collected.

MinE at EEA Congresses

Since 2022, the research field "LGBTQ+, Race-Ethnicity-Religion, Disabilities" is on the list of fields of research on EEA congress programme and there is a special call for papers / sessions on MinE topics on our calls.

In 2023, the "MinE Best Paper Award", funded by the Hub for Equal Representation at the LSE, given to the best paper presented in the annual EEA congress whose focus is on the study of LGBTQ+, Race-Ethnicity-Religion and/or Disabilities, was awarded to Ethan Kaplan, Jörg L. Spenkuch and Cody Tuttle for their *paper School Desegregation and Political Preferences: Long-Run Evidence from Kentucky*. We look forward to learning who will be awarded the 2024 prize.

Alongside the above, the MinE Committee has organised a networking event for supporters of inclusion & diversity in economics at the EEA-ESEM past 2 congresses.

Inclusion Initiatives virtual workshop

On September 13, the MinE Committee will host the 1st *Inclusion Initiatives virtual workshop*. The invitation has been sent to departments through EEA members to present any new practice or policy its department has introduced in the last three years that aims to increase diversity and inclusion of underrepresented minorities

(either of their student body or their faculty). Proposals that discuss initiatives at any stage, including preliminary ones, and also those that have not been as successful or easy to implement, will be evaluated for presentation. This workshop will complement the recent EEA climate survey to allow the MinE to get a better view on inclusion best practice in Europe and to offer potential new directions.

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The Committee has a number of projects not mentioned here, and in the pipeline, so you are encouraged to read the MinE section on EEA website over the coming months.

[Standing Committee on Women in Economics \(WinE\)](#)

Committee

At the end of 2023, Ghalaza Azmat stepped down as Chair on WinE. She was replaced by Paula Bustos, Catherine Porter also ended her term and Sigrid Suetens has recently stepped down early from her 2nd term. Their replacements will be named shortly. Thanks to Ghazala to her amazing leadership during the her 3 years as Chair, and thanks to both Catherine and Sigrid for their involvement in WinE activities.

WinE Mentoring and Networking Retreat

In August 2023, Ghazala Azmat, alongside the ES co-Chair of the WinE Retreat, Caterina Calsamiglia, and 7 other mentors, ran the 12th [WinE Retreat](#) for 37 mentees. Once again, the Retreat was extremely successful,

The 2024 Retreat will be held in Rotterdam and will be attended by 23 mentees and 7 mentors.

The Retreat would not be possible if it were not for the support of the main sponsor - The Review of Economic Studies. Thanks go also to the European Central Bank, for the financial support received.

Attempts to advertise the [Retreat](#) to eligible female economists are encouraged.

WinE Panel at EEA-ESEM 2023 & 24

We thank WinE members, Jose De Sousa and Jakob Egholt Sogaard for organising the [WinE panel session](#) during EEA-ESEM Barcelona 2023. Thanks also to speakers Cecilia Garcia-Peñalosa, Carlo Rasmus Schwarz and Natalia Zinovyeva for their contributions.

Paula Bustos, Jose De Sousa and Jakob Egholt Sogaard are busy organising the 2024 WinE panel session on new research on child penalties in Academia, which will be followed by the supporters of inclusion and diversity within the economics community networking event.

Other initiatives of the WinE Committee

Other initiatives of the WinE Committee continue to include the [WinE Bibliography](#), a collection on research on women in economics, and "[Research Highlights](#)", an initiative

that sees female economists write short non-technical summaries of some of their recent work, and a joint virtual panel with the CEPR's WE_ARE group (most recent session was on the "Journey to Tenure" (speaker Natalie Bau) at the end of April).

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EEA Audit Committee

I would like to thank the EEA Audit Committee – Claudio Michelacci (Chair), Jordi Galí and Ricardo Reis – for the work that they do auditing the EEA annual accounts. More on this is covered in the report of the EEA Executive Vice-President.

JEEA-FBBVA Lecture at ASSA Meeting

The BBVA Foundation continues to sponsor a lecture at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association. This lecture is intended to increase the visibility of the JEEA, and the EEA in general, in the US. Mariacristina De Nardi gave the 2023 lecture, **The Importance of Modeling Income Tax Changes Over Time: U.S. Reforms and Outcomes**, at the ASSA meetings, and virtually in May.

We will let you know who will give the 2025 JEEA-FBBVA lecture shortly.

Awards Presented in 2024

Birgit Grodal Award

The 2024 Birgit Grodal Award Committee, Kjetil Storesletten (Chair), Philippe Aghion, Mariacristina De Nardi, Raquel Fernandez, and Christian Schultz, recommended that Michèle Tertilt be awarded the 2024 Birgit Grodal Award. The recommendation was approved by EEA EX COMM and the Danmarks Nationalbanken and the news was released towards the end of May.

Hicks-Tinbergen Award

The 2024 Hicks-Tinbergen Award Committee, Romain Wacziarg (Chair), Maristella Botticini and Imran Rasul, announced in late April that *The Private and External Costs of Germany's Nuclear Phase-Out* (JEEA Volume 20 Issue 3), co-authored by Stephen Jarvis, Olivier Deschenes, Akshaya Jha, had been awarded the 2024 Hicks-Tinbergen Award.

Role Model in Economics Award

This year, the Award will be given to economists 45 or younger. The Committee – Maristella Botticini (Chair), Meg Meyer, Elias Papaioannou and Georg Weizsäcker – have deliberated and have chosen 2 winners, who will be announced to the EEA

members shortly. Nominations for this Award, like for all EEA awards, was open to EEA members.

Congress Awards

During the annual congress, we will present 3 **Young Economist Awards** for best papers (funded by UniCredit Foundation). For the 3rd year running, we will also present the **MinE Best Paper Award**, given to the best paper presented in the annual EEA congresses whose focus is on the study of LGBTQ+, Race-Ethnicity-Religion and/or Disabilities. The Award will once again be sponsored by the Hub for Equal Representation at the LSE.

Nominations for EEA Scientific Council Elections

Nominations for election to the Scientific Council have been made, and candidates have been selected. On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Silvana Tenreyro and the other committee members. Online elections for officers begin in September and take place for a month.

EEA members can nominate suitable candidates (or self-nominate) for EEA Scientific Council elections through admin@eeassoc.org. The EEA central office will pass all nominations on to the EEA Nominating Committee Chair.

EEA-ESEM Rotterdam 2024

EEA-ESEM Rotterdam 2024 will be attended by around 1200 people. I want to thank, in particular, the whole EEA Scientific Committee – led by Ghazala Azmat and Ben Moll – who have performed amazingly and have stuck to the tightest deadlines. I also want to thank Erasmus School of Economics – chaired by Philip Hans Franses, who are busy preparing to warmly welcome all to their institution and to Rotterdam. Lastly, I thank all of our presenters who will come to Rotterdam and have chosen to spread their research at our EEA congresses.

EEA –ESEM 2025

EEA-ESEM 2025 will be held at the Bordeaux School of from Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28.

The EEA, and the EEA President of 2025, H el ene Rey, very much look forward to welcoming you there.

Details of the Congress are available on the EEA-ESEM website – www.eea-esem-congresses.org

EEA Seed Grants for Applications to ERC Research Funds

The EEA continues to fund seed grants of the amount of €1,000 (Euro) for each application submitted to the PANEL SH1 of any European Research Council (ERC) grant programme. The EEA does this as it wishes to promote an increase in the number of applications for the ERC grant programme but does not intend to interfere with the process of selection of grants.

Career Structures Grants

The Career Structures in Economics research grant, launched in 2022 and partly funded by the Hub for Equal Representation at the LSE, was awarded to 5 projects. We received the initial reports of the teams in 2023. Their final reports were presented during a hybrid workshop at LSE on March 6. We look forward to receiving any policy recommendations over the coming months and sharing them with our members.

Jobs for Economists in Europe Hub" (JEEH)

Since 2022, there is a section on the EEA website where pre-docs & post-docs positions with a minimum duration of 9 months are posted. Since its launch, it has hosted over 30 postings. We need to promote this free service more so please reach out if you want further information on this or have ideas on how we can promote it. Please do encourage your institutions to make use of JEEH.

Building Bridges Across Countries Initiative

One of EEA's main goals of 2023 was to build bridges across countries. One of the first bricks in this construction has been EEA's promotion of conferences in eastern European countries, and where possible, an active hands-on role in facilitating logistics. In 2023, we advertised 9 such conferences and financed the speaker's travel for a conference in Bulgaria. The Research Committee has brought the initiative under its realms and has approached a funder for support of funding even more events in Eastern Europe in 2024. If you have any ideas on initiatives that can be funded, or how we can improve our outreach, please reach out to us through admin@eeassoc.org

Additional information on all the activities of the EEA and the activities of the standing committees is available on the EEA website.