Report of the Editors of JEEA Delivered to ExComm, June 2025

Refers Primarily to Papers Submitted to JEEA in 2024

1. Editorial Team

Editor	Start of first term	End of current term
Matthias Doepke	January 2024	December 2027 (R)
Pierre Dubois	January 2021	December 2026
Jonas Hjort	January 2023	December 2026 (R)
Thierry Mayer	January 2024	December 2027 (R)
Christopher Roth	January 2024	December 2027 (R)
Vasiliki Skreta	May 2021	April 2027
Romain Wacziarg	September 2021	September 2027
Andrea Weber	January 2022	December 2025 (R)
Maia Güell (Data Editor)	February 2024	January 2028 (R)

Guido Lorenzoni stepped down as Co-Editor (August 2024). Alp Simsek (Yale University) joined the team as new Co-Editors. Pierre Dubois, Vasiliki Skreta and Romain Wacziarg have renewed their terms

The JEEA's first Data Editor, Maia Güell, was appointed in February 2024. She has diligently set up the infrastructure needed to carry out the replication of all accepted empirical and experimental papers, a process which began for papers accepted as of March 2024. This represents the culmination of a process by which JEEA participates in a growing movement by leading journals toward full replication of accepted papers prior to publication, further showcasing JEEA's role at the forefront of the credibility revolution in empirical economics. JEEA participates in a consortium of data editors from leading economics journals, to coordinate on best practices for the profession.

With her dedicated team of replicators she has applied the new replication policy to around 70 replication packages, and has already successfully completed the replication of a total of 30 conditionally accepted papers, with replication packages now published at the open-source repository Zenodo. In keeping with the highest standards of transparency and rigor, we have implemented strict policies around requests for exemptions from our data disclosure and replication rules.

The first two articles which have been replicated, titled "Das House Kapital: A Long-Run Theory of House Prices and Housing Wealth" by Volker Grossmann, Benjamin Larin, and Thomas Steger, and titled "Testing Models of Strategic Uncertainty: Equilibrium Selection in Repeated Games" by Marta Boczoń, Emanuel Vespa, Taylor Weidman and Alistair J. Wilson, were published in issue 23-2 in April 2025.

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2. Submissions Numbers and Acceptance Rates, 2024

A total of **1165** first submissions were received in 2024. The total number of submissions in 2024 is significantly higher than in 2023 (+22%). We are currently on course to receive close to **1250** submissions in 2025, corresponding to a **7** % increase from 2023 to 2024.

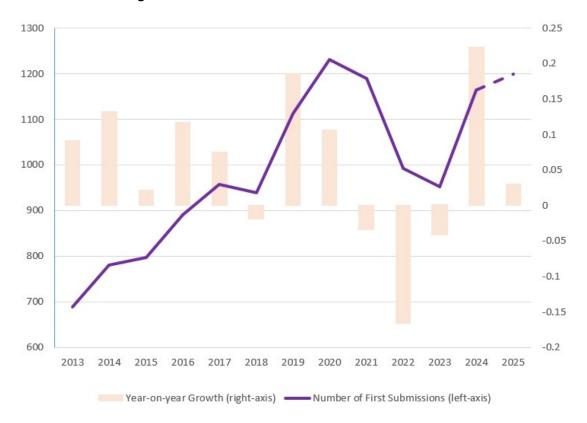
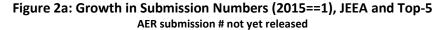
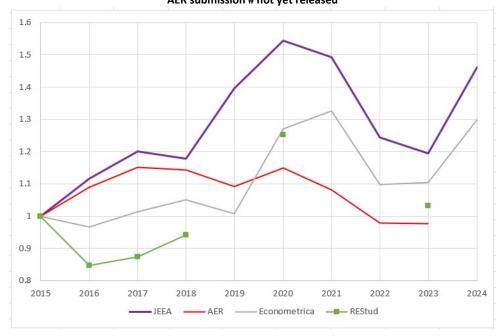


Figure 1: Number of First Submissions and YoY Growth





AEJ submission # not yet released 1.7 1.5 1.1 0.9 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2022 2023 2024 JEEA AEJ: Macroeconomics AEJ: Microeconomics AEJ: Applied Economics - AEJ: Economic Policy Economic Journal Review of Economics and Statistics

Figure 2b: Growth in Submission Numbers (2015==1), JEEA and Non Top-5

In 2024, **45** papers were accepted, including the lectures delivered at the EEA Congress and at the ASSA meeting. In this last year JEEA had approximately a 4.2% acceptance rate (defined as the number of acceptances over the number of final decisions). Due to the new replication policy a total of 35 papers which were conditionally accepted in 2024 are with the Data Editor -24 papers - or in the preparation stage to be submitted to the Data Editor -5 papers - or have been accepted in January or February 2025 -6 papers. Adding those **35** conditionally accepted papers in 2024 (24 + 5 + 6) raises the **acceptance rate** to **7.4%** which is in line with previous years. In 2023 a total of 80 papers were accepted with an acceptance rate of 8.7 % (2022: 70 / 6.8%, 2021: 59 / 5.3%, 2020: 52 / 4.3%, 2019: 74 / 6.6%, 2018: 57 / 6 %; 2017: 61 / 6.3 %; 2016: 47 / 5.5 %; 2015: 39 / 5.3 %).

Decision Lags and Editorial Policy

The average decision lag for new submissions is **52 days**. The desk rejection rate stabilized at around **46%**. The decision time for papers rejected after a regular refereeing process is **82** days. The decision time for first papers receiving a revise-and-resubmit stays timely at **134 days** in 2024.

Very few first decisions (6.8%) take longer than six months. Those that do are discussed on the editorial conference call, where the editors handing the most delayed papers explain the circumstances (and can use the opportunity to get help/advice from other co-editors).

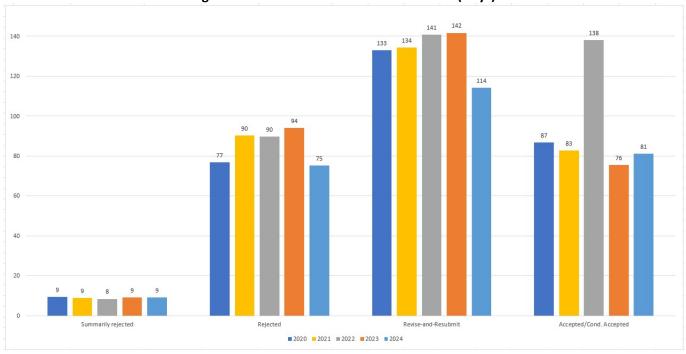
The editorial policy continues to be characterized by a sharp in-or-out approach. Only 7 out of 499 final rejection decisions in 2024 were for papers that had been given a revise-and-resubmit decision.

Starting in 2024 the Managing Editor participated in a new joint EEA-AEA-Econometric Society initiative to improve the publications process in economics. The report, "Improving the Publication Process in Economics" was posted online in February 2025. The editors are currently discussing the implementations of the committee's essential recommendations that the journal does not yet adhere to.

62% 44% 41% 41% 2% Accepted/Cond. Accepted ■ 2022

Figure 3.1 Decision Outcomes for First Submissions: % of all Submissions



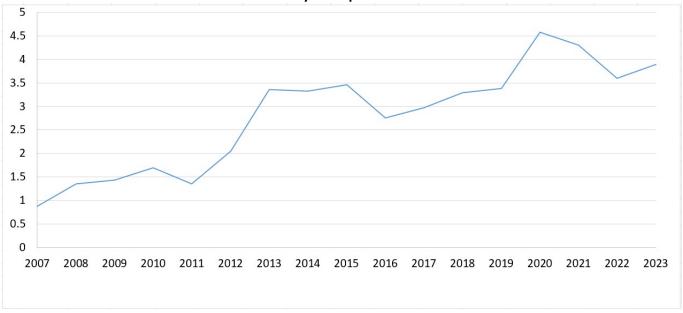


3. Impact Factor

■ 2024

The 2024 Impact Factors will be released by the end of June. Last year's IF was 3.9. Meanwhile, the provisional IF 2024 of OUP for JEEA is 3.4, but the final number won't be known until later.





4. Keynote Lectures

Silvana Tenreyro, London School of Economics, delivered the JEEA lecture in January 2025 at the ASSA Meeting. The title of her lecture was "Monetary Policy and the Effective Lower Bound". The intention is for the lecture to be delivered again in Madrid at the FBBVA headquarters later this year.

The keynotes delivered at the EEA Congresses are published within six months of being presented. The Keynote Lectures delivered in 2024 by Jan Eeckhout, David Autor and Marina Halac as well as the Fundación BBVA-JEEA lecture 2024 by Pol Antràs will be all published in the February, April or August 2025 issues.

5. Gender Composition of Papers Submitted and Published in JEEA 2020-2024

Following discussion at ExComm, the JEEA editorial team decided to analyze the gender composition of publications in JEEA from 2020 onwards (lighter shading refers to planned issues). A more detailed analysis of the gender composition of the authors of accepted papers relative to those of submitted papers occurred in 2021 and in 2024 with the goal of assessing the impact of the pandemic on the gender gap in submissions and publications which will be repeated in 2027.

The gender composition of papers <u>published</u> in the JEEA between 2020 and 2024 is displayed issue-by issue in Figure 7.1.

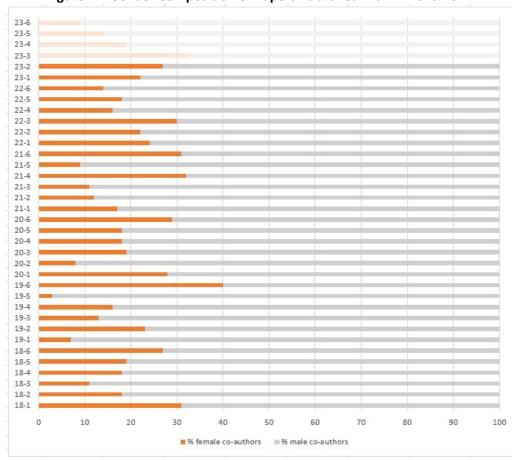


Figure 7.1 Gender Composition of Papers Published in JEEA 2020-2024

6. Virtual Issue

Bard Harstad curated a virtual issue, themed on a variety of topics including environmental economics, political economics and theory:

https://academic.oup.com/jeea/pages/virtual issues

7. Teaching Materials

An innovation that the editors have JEEA introduced in January 2020 was to encourage authors to submit teaching materials for their accepted papers (i.e. slides used by authors to present their papers). These are not vetted, and can be supplied in any format (pdf, tex etc.). The aim is to enable other researchers to integrate these materials in their own teaching materials. In the long run this can help increase citations to JEEA papers. The teaching materials are posted here (open access): https://www.eeassoc.org/index.php/teaching-materials

We now have over 100 sets of teaching materials submitted. They can be searched over by journal issue (for those who know the materials they are searching for) and we also organize the materials to form short-courses by topic.

8. Social Media

JEEA's X account (@JEEA_news) now has 10.2 followers. This account is managed by Stephanie, and she regularly sends out news about accepted/published papers from it. We request a one-line tweet summary from authors of accepted papers. JEEA also started posting news via BlueSky (@jeeanews.bsky.socia, 2299 followers)