

**Report of the Editors of JEEA
Delivered to ExComm, June 2021**

Refers Primarily to Papers Submitted to JEEA in 2020

1. Editorial Team

Editor	Start of first term	End of current term
Pierre Dubois	January 2021	December 2024 (R)
Paola Giuliano	October 2015	September 2021
Bard Harstad	January 2019	April 2021
Guido Lorenzoni	January 2020	December 2023
Nicola Pavoni	January 2018	December 2023
Giovanni Peri	January 2018	December 2023
Imran Rasul	April 2016	December 2022
Vasiliki Skreta	May 2021	April 2025 (R)
Romain Wacziarg	September 2021	September 2025 (R)

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2. Submissions Numbers and Acceptance Rates, 2020

A total of **1231** first submissions were received in 2020. After a few years of rapid growth in submission numbers, the inflow does now appear to be stabilizing. We are currently on course to receive close to **1280** submissions in 2021, corresponding to a **4 %** increase from 2020 to 2021.

Figure 1: Number of First Submissions and YoY Growth



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

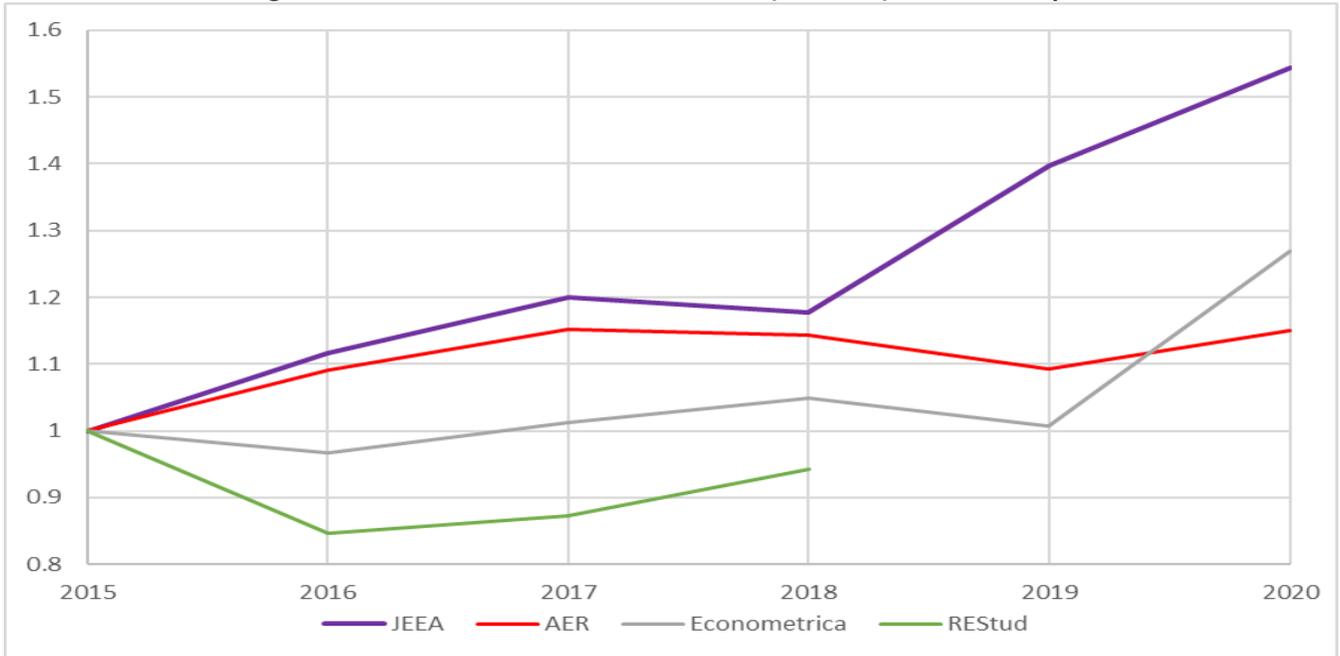
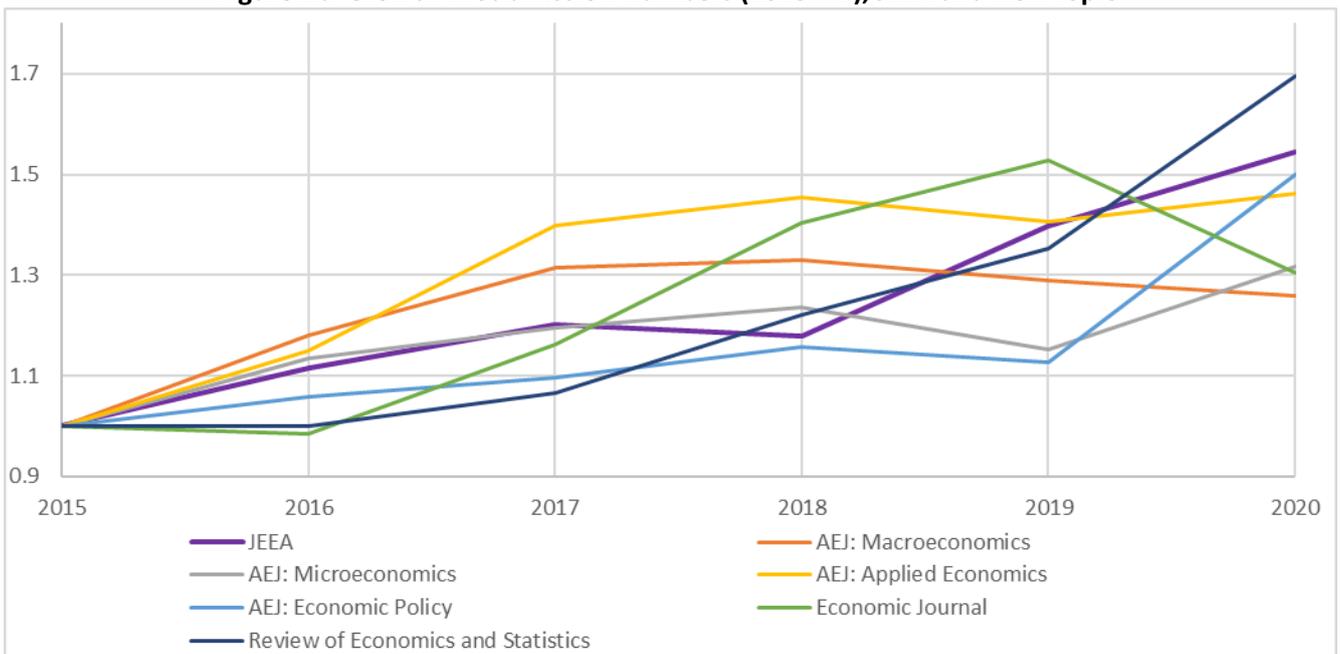


Figure 2b: Growth in Submission Numbers (2015==1), JEEA and Non Top-5



A total of **52** papers were accepted, including the lectures delivered at the EEA Congress and the ASSA meeting. Including the keynotes, JEEA had an **acceptance rate** in 2020 of **4.3 %** (defined as the number of acceptances over the number of final decisions). This is down on previous years. However, given the 10% rise in submissions, this still represents a close to typical absolute number of accepted papers. In 2019 a total of 74 papers were accepted with an acceptance rate of 6.6% (2018: 57 / 6 %; 2017: 61 / 6.3 %; 2016: 47 / 5.5 %; 2015: 39 / 5.3 %).

3. Decision Lags and Editorial Policy

The average decision lag for new submissions is **37 days**. The turnaround was achieved partly by maintaining a high desk rejection rate: **62%**. The decision time for papers rejected after a regular refereeing process is **77** days. The decision time for first papers receiving a revise-and-resubmit was **133 days** in 2020.

Very few first decisions 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 2 out of 411 final rejection decisions were for papers that had been given a revise-and-resubmit decision.

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

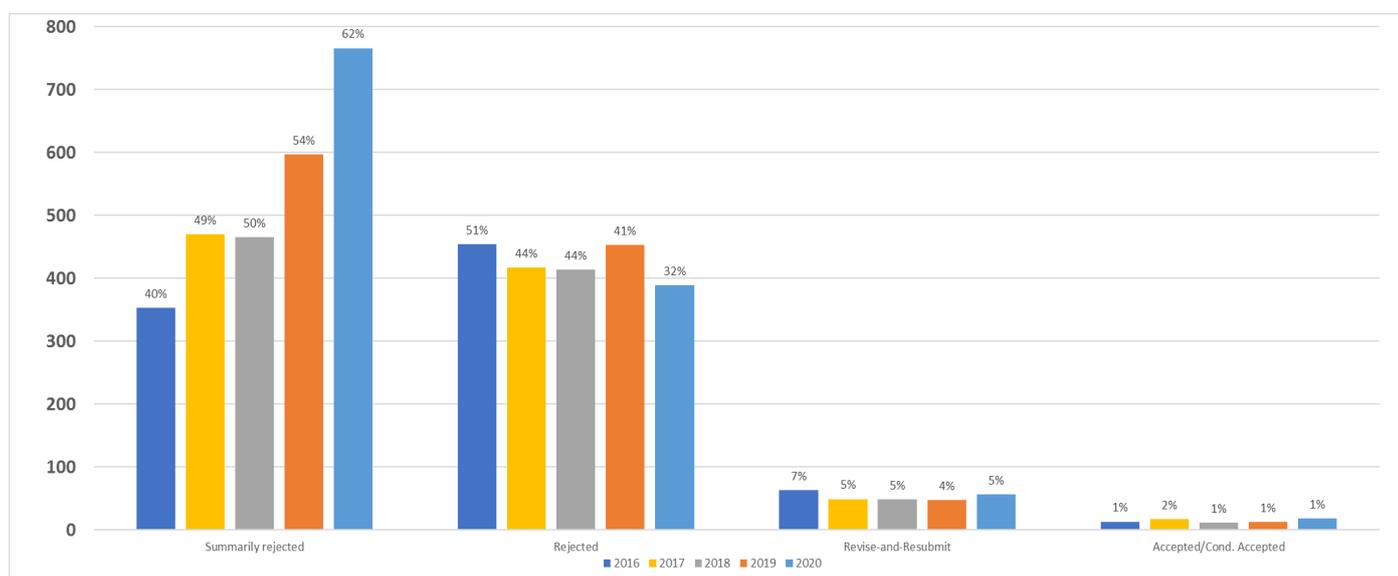
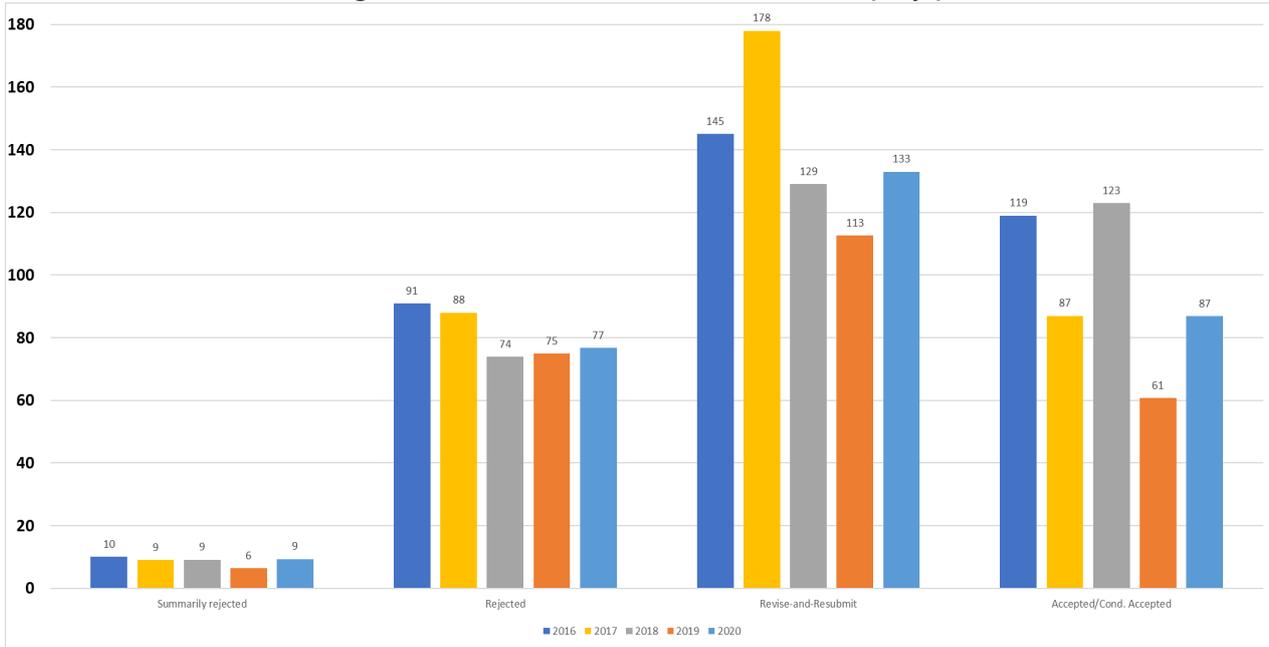
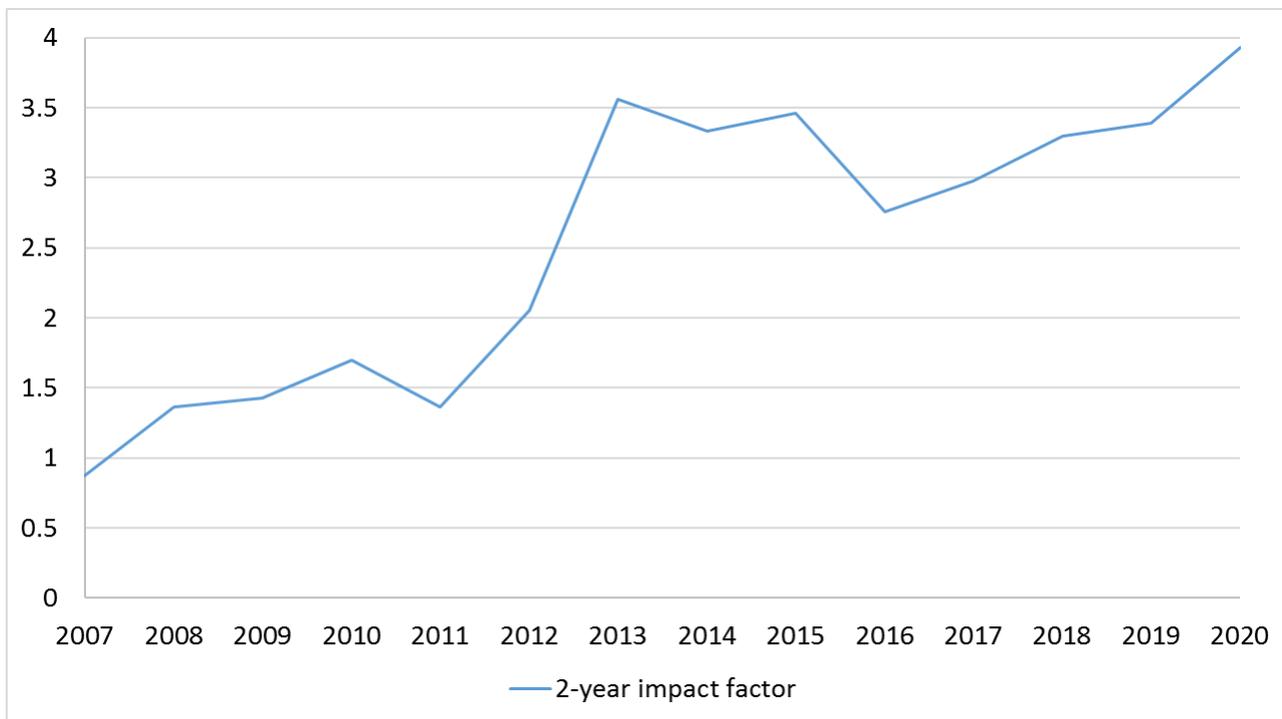


Figure 3.2 Decision Times First Submissions (Days)



4. Impact Factor

The 2020 Impact Factors will be released by the end of June. The estimated 2YIF is 3.927 (using the old methodology). How impact factors are calculated in academic publishing is due to change in 2020. Under this new methodology, JEEA's new impact factor (2 year) is 4.583.



5. Keynote Lectures

Monika Piazzesi (Stanford GSB) delivered the Fundación BBVA-JEEA lecture in January 2021 at the ASSA Meetings in Chicago. The title of her lecture was “How unconventional is green monetary policy?”. The lecture will be delivered again in Madrid at the FBBVA headquarters in June.

JEEA published the 2020 Fundación BBVA-JEEA lecture delivered by Orazio Attanasio (joint with Sonya Krutikova) on “Consumption Insurance in Networks with Asymmetric Information” as lead article in the August 2020 issue. JEEA also published the Presidential Address delivered by Kjetil Storesletten (University of Oslo), the Joseph Schumpeter lecture delivered by Veronica Guerrieri (CREI) at the Annual Congress in Manchester in the December 2020 issue.

In a change of policy, we are now planning to publish the Keynote Lectures delivered in 2020 and 2021 in the December 2021 issue. This means that keynotes delivered at the EEA Congress are published within six months of being presented. The keynotes for this year’s congress (Silvana Tenreyro, Rohini Pande, Thomas Piketty) have all agreed to this change in timing, as has Monika Piazzesi. These will then be published alongside the keynotes given in 2020 by Per Krussell, Alan Manning, Antoinette Schoar, and Ulrike Malmendier.

6. Report on the Gender Composition of Submissions to JEEA 2019-2020

The JEEA editorial team decided to analyze the gender composition of submissions to JEEA in 2019 and 2020. The comparison was designed to shed light on whether and how the pandemic has impacted submitted work at JEEA, and in doing so, suggest policies that the EEA and JEEA can take to ameliorate any adverse consequences on authors. Its focus is on changes between 2019 and 2020, and not on issues related to the level of submissions by female authors, that pre-date the pandemic. The full report is available here: <https://eeassoc.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2021-04/Gender%20Report%20Final.pdf>

7. Social Media

JEEA’s account (@JEEA_news) now has over **5816** followers. This account is managed by Stephanie and she regularly sends out news about accepted/published papers from it. We now request a one-line tweet summary from authors of accepted papers. Some of the most viewed tweets from the account are below.

8. Teaching Materials

An innovation that the editors have JEEA have introduced is to encourage authors to submit teaching materials for their accepted 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>