

**Report of the Editors of JEEA
Delivered to ExComm, June 2023**

Refers Primarily to Papers Submitted to JEEA in 2022

1. Editorial Team

Editor	Start of first term	End of current term
Pierre Dubois	January 2021	December 2024 (R)
Jonas Hjort	January 2023	September 2026 (R)
Guido Lorenzoni	January 2020	December 2025
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)
Andrea Weber	January 2022	December 2025 (R)

Imran Rasul stepped down as Managing Editor (December 2022). Jonas Hjort (UCL) joined the team as new editor and Romain Wacziarg took over as Managing Editor as of January 2023.

Acknowledgments

The co-editors are grateful for the continued support of Stephanie Raimander, who provided excellent assistance in preparing this report and administrative support throughout the year, Gemma Prunner-Thomas, and Doris Escobar in the post-production office. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the editorial board for their great work in assisting the co-editors with valuable advice. We are also grateful to the OUP team for their continued support in helping to promote the journal.

2. Submissions Numbers and Acceptance Rates, 2022

A total of **992** first submissions were received in 2022. 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 **1050** submissions in 2023, corresponding to a **5.8** % increase from 2022 to 2023.

Figure 1: Number of First Submissions and YoY Growth

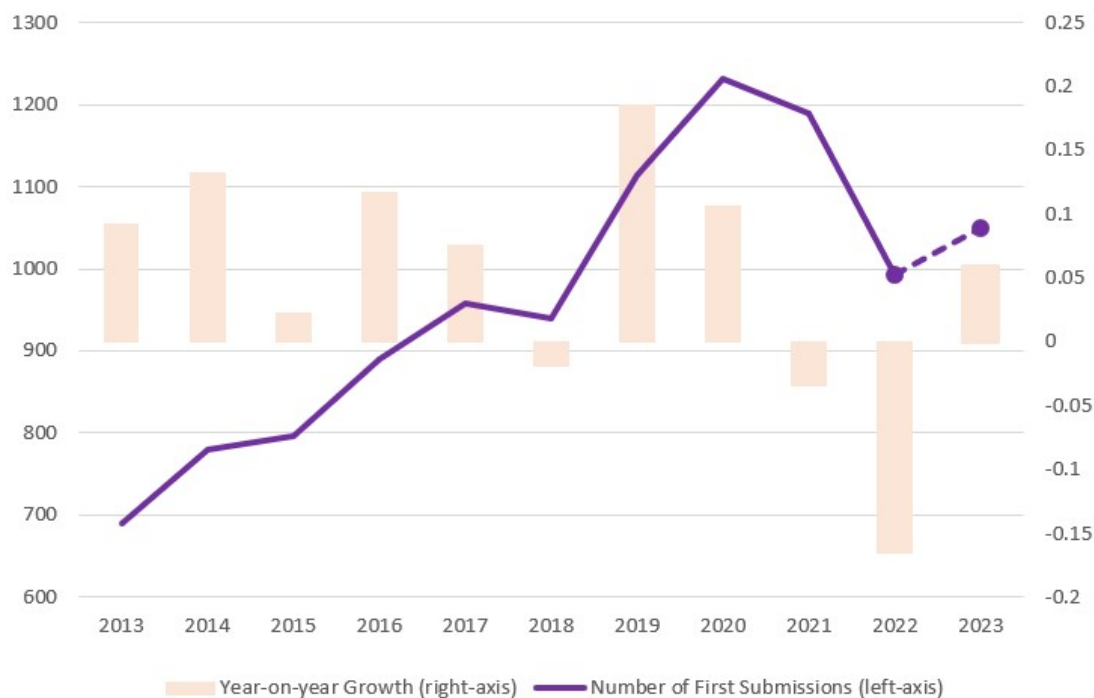


Figure 2a: Growth in Submission Numbers (2015==1), JEEA and Top-5

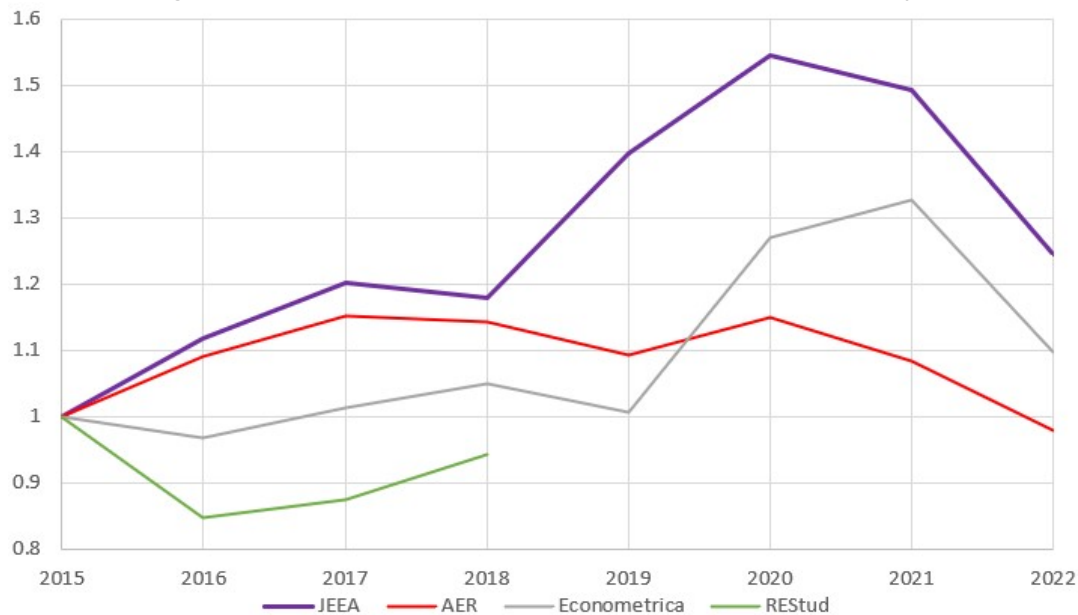
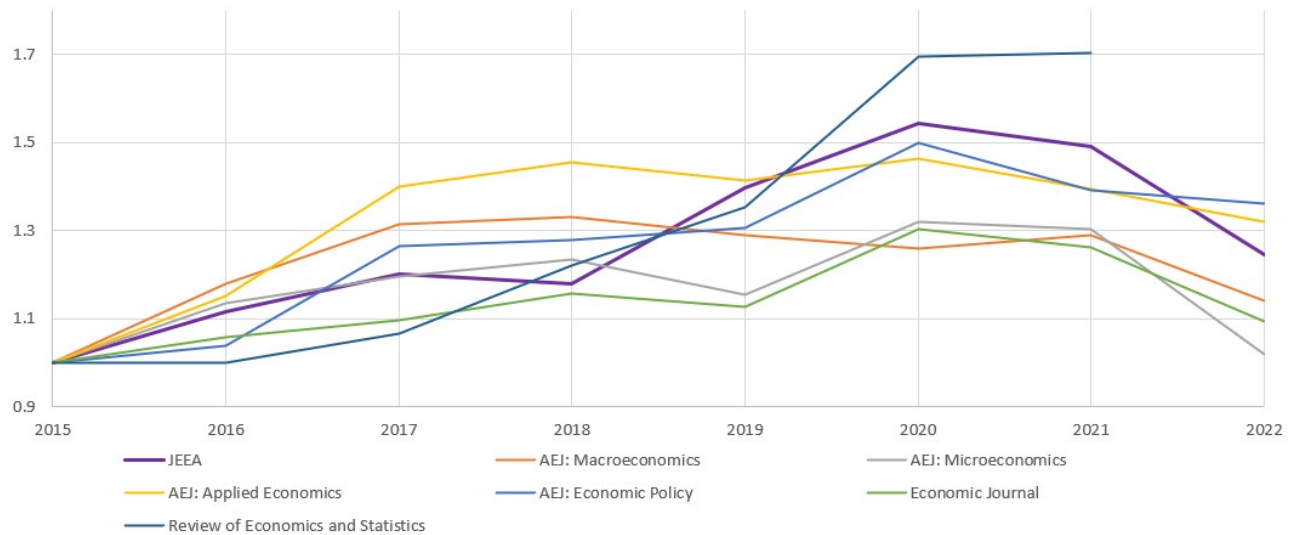


Figure 2b: Growth in Submission Numbers (2015==1), JEEA and Non Top-5



A total of **70** papers were accepted in 2022, including the lectures delivered at the EEA Congress and the ASSA meeting. Including the keynotes, JEEA had an **acceptance rate** in 2022 of **6.8 %** (defined as the number of acceptances over the number of final decisions). This is in line with the typical absolute number of accepted papers in previous years. In 2021 a total of 59 papers were accepted with an acceptance rate of 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 **47 days**. There was a slight increase in desk rejection rates (**56%**). The decision time for papers rejected after a regular refereeing process is **90** days. The decision time for first papers receiving a revise-and-resubmit stays timely at **141 days** in 2022.

Very few first decisions take longer than six months, despite continued pressures of the pandemic on editors and referees. Those that do are discussed on the editorial conference call, where the editors handling 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 3 out of 401 final rejection decisions in 2022 were for papers that had been given a revise-and-resubmit decision.

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

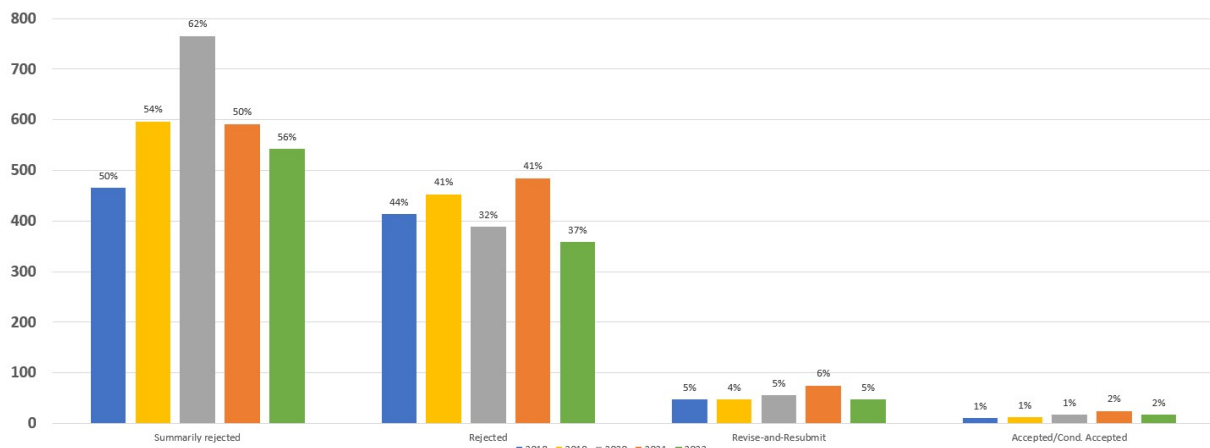
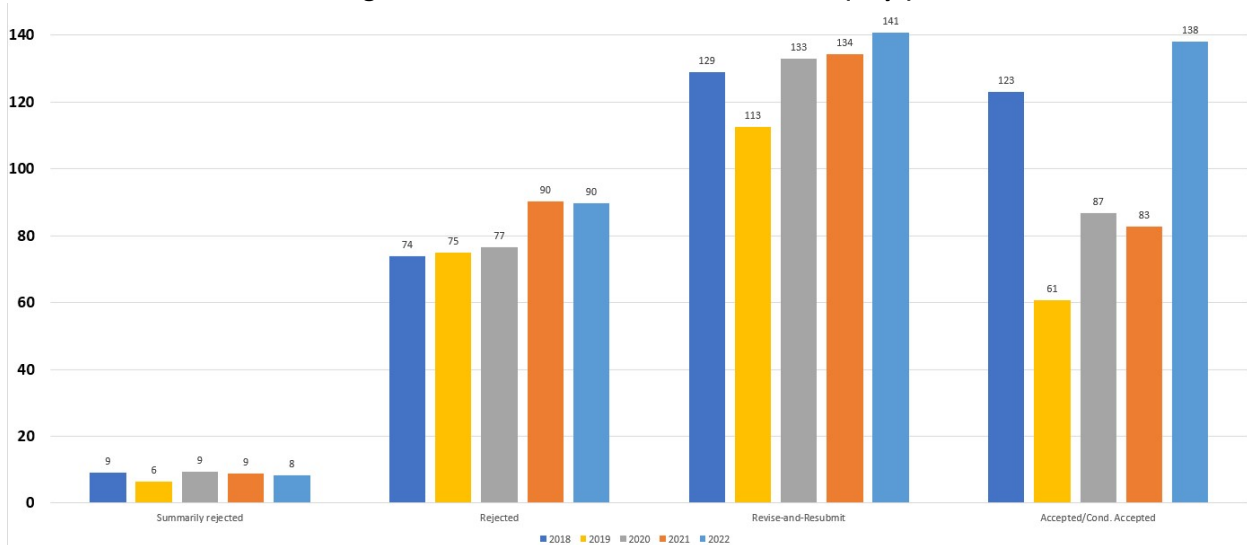
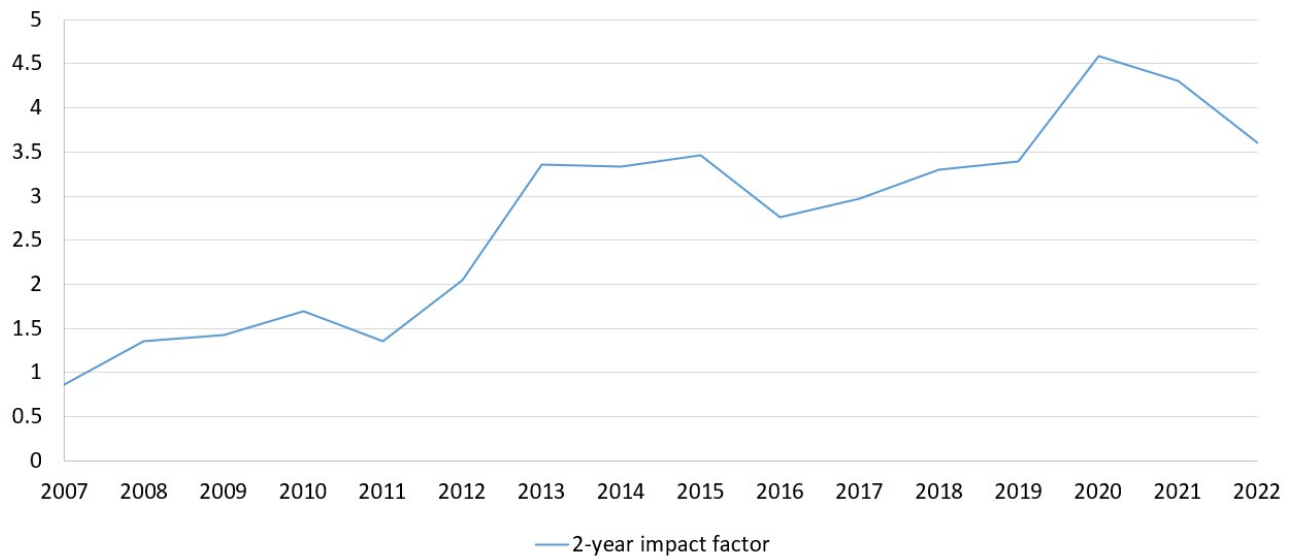


Figure 3.2 Decision Times First Submissions (Days)



3. Impact Factor

The 2022 Impact Factors will be released by the end of June. The IF 2022 was 3.6.



4. Keynote Lectures

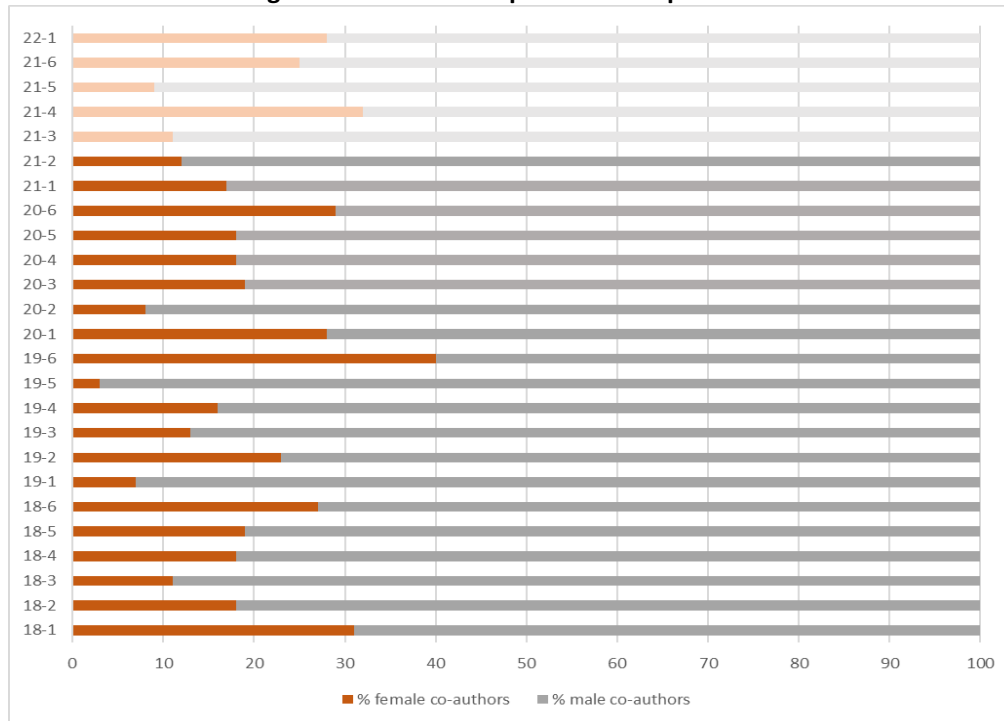
Mariacristina De Nardi (University of Minnesota) delivered the Fundación BBVA-JEEA lecture in January 2023 at the virtual ASSA Meeting. The title of her lecture was “The Importance of Modeling Income Tax Changes Over Time: U.S. Reforms and Outcomes”. The lecture was delivered again virtually on May 9, 2023.

A new format was introduced and keynotes delivered at the EEA Congresses are published within six months of being presented. The Keynote Lectures delivered in 2022 by Oriana Bandiera, Michèle Tertilt and Philipp Kircher as well as the Fundación BBVA-JEEA lecture 2022 by Jan Eeckhout were all published in the December 2022 issue.

5. Gender Composition of Papers Published in JEEA 2020-2022

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). An analysis of the gender composition of the authors of accepted papers relative to those of submitted papers last occurred in 2021 and will be updated in 2024.

Figure 7.1 Gender Composition of Papers Published in JEEA 2020-2022



6. Virtual Issue

Paola Giuliano curated a virtual issue, themed on a variety of topics, from Political Economy to Economic History. The collection features papers with additional teaching materials available, which were published during her editorial tenure of JEEA: <https://academic.oup.com/jeea/pages/virtual-issue-giuliano>

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 (for those who are engaged in more speculative search).

8. Social Media

JEEA's Twitter account (@JEEA_news) now has **9000** 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.