

Report of the Editors of JEEA to the ExComm: Delivered in August 2019

Refers Primarily to Papers Submitted to JEEA in 2018

Editorial Team

The 2019 editorial board includes Paola Giuliano (UCLA Anderson School of Management), Bard Harstad (Oslo), Claudio Michelacci (EIEF, Rome), Nicola Pavoni (Bocconi), Giovanni Peri (University of California, Davis), and Imran Rasul (UCL).

Imran took over from Juuso Valimaki as Managing Editor on January 1st 2019. Bard started as a co-editor in January 2019. The next editorial change will be when Claudio steps down in December 2019. He will be replaced by Guido Lorenzoni (Northwestern).

The subsequent editorial replacement to consider will be when Paola Giuliano steps down, whose term is due to end in September 2021. The following table sets out the editorial terms of the current team (indicating where editors can renew their term).

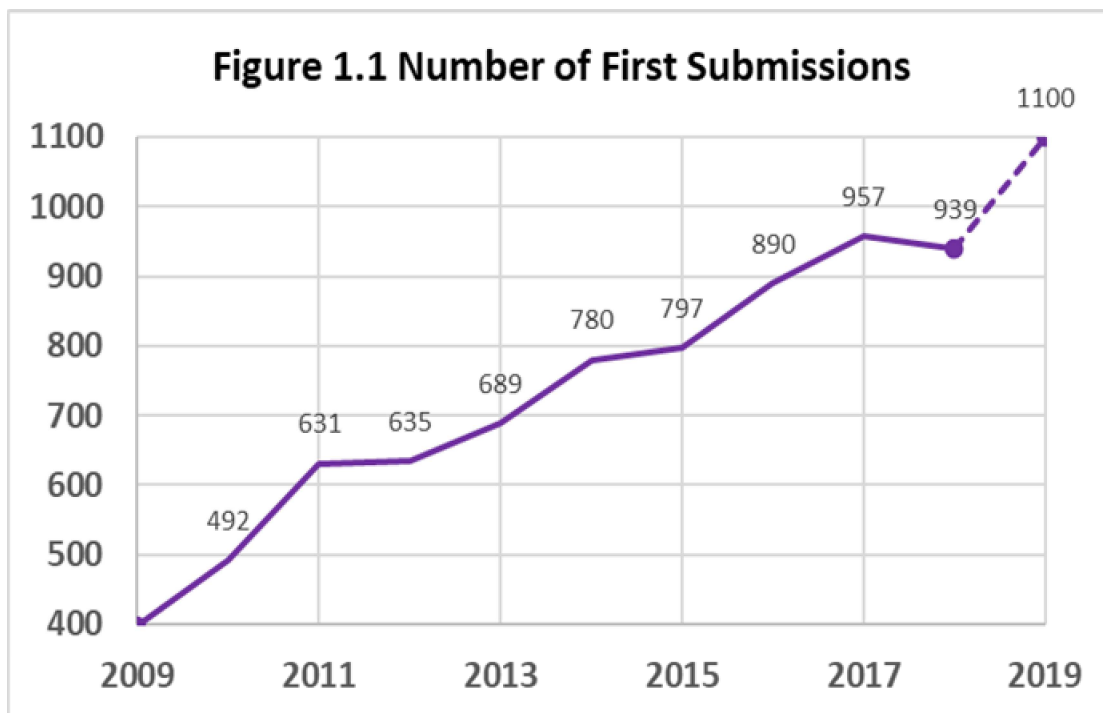
Editor	Start of first term	End of current term
Paola Giuliano	October 2015	September 2021
Bard Harstad	January 2019	December 2022 (R)
Claudio Michelacci	January 2014	December 2019
Nicola Pavoni	January 2018	December 2021 (R)
Giovanni Peri	January 2018	December 2021 (R)
Imran Rasul	April 2016	December 2022

1. Submissions and Decisions on Submissions from 2018 (TABLE 1)

A total of 939 new submissions were received in 2018. This continues a positive trend in submission numbers observed since 2009. This trend has accelerated in the first half of 2019, when we received 545 new submissions, compared with 446 submissions in the first half of 2018. If the current submission flow remains stable, we expect to receive close to 1100 submissions in 2019, corresponding to a potential 17% increase from 2018 to 2019.

A total of 57 papers were accepted, including the lectures delivered at the EEA Congress and at the ASSA meeting. Excluding these four keynotes, JEEA had an acceptance rate in 2018 of 5.5% (defined as the number of acceptances over the final decisions).

Figure 1.1 shows the number of first submission received at JEEA over time. The number for 2019 is a projection based on the flow of papers received so far in 2019 (up until August 10th).



2. Decision Lags and Editorial Policy (TABLES 2-3)

Tables 2-4 focus on new submissions received in 2018. As of June 23, 2019, all new submissions in 2018 have received a decision. Hence we can discuss statistics related to these submissions without any having their first decision still pending. The average decision lag for new submissions is 45 days. The fast turnaround was achieved partly by maintaining a high desk rejection rate: 49.6% of new submissions are desk rejected. The decision time for papers rejected after a regular refereeing process is 74 days compared with 88 days in 2017 (and 91 days in 2016). The editorial lag for first revise-and-resubmit papers is 129 days in 2018 compared with 178 days in 2017 and with 145 days in 2016.

Table 3 shows that the editorial policy continues to be characterized by a sharp in-or-out approach. Only 2 out of 428 final rejection decisions were for papers that had been given a revise-and-resubmit decision.

Figure 2.1 shows the percentage of first submissions in each decision outcome over time. There has been a steady rise in desk rejection rates since 2014, that has stabilized at 50% for submissions received in 2017 and 2018.

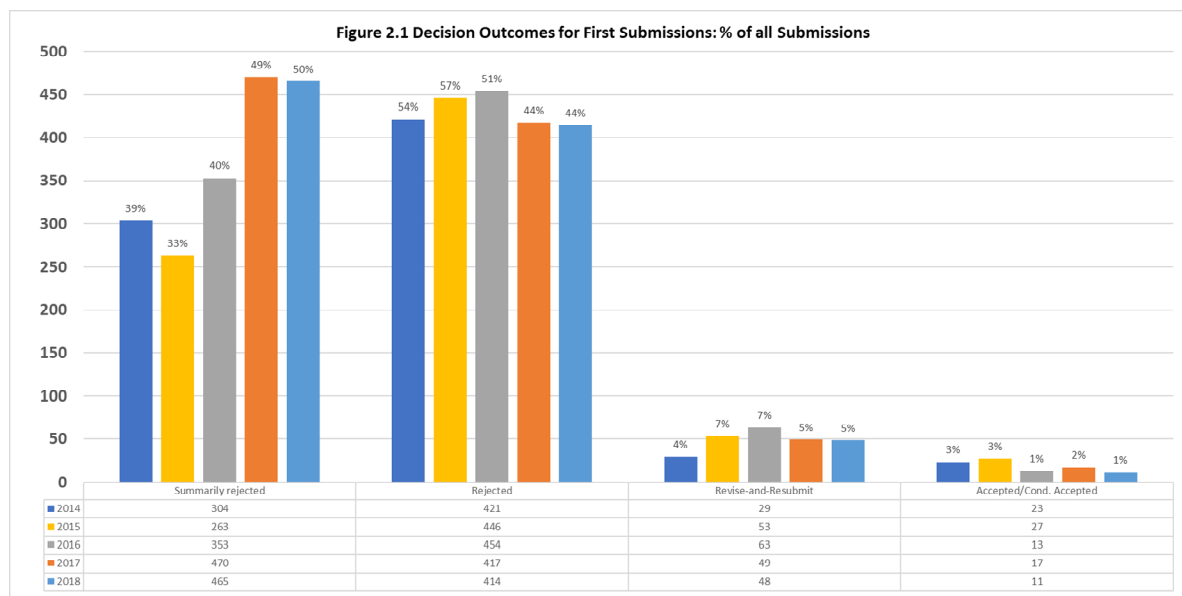
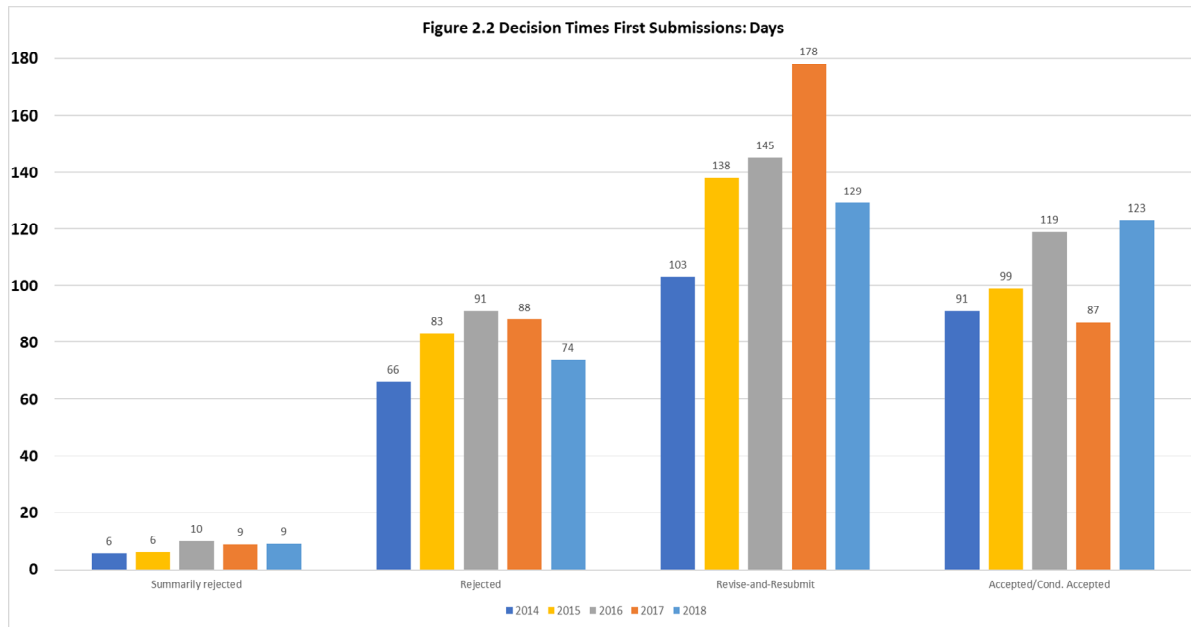


Figure 2.2 shows the time series in decision times by outcome. Days to reject and to give revise-and-resubmits are down in the most recent year of data.



3. Impact Factor

The two-year impact factor of the JEEA for 2018 is at 3.296, up from 2.975 in 2016. The 5-year impact factor is 5.013, up from 4.554 in 2017.

In terms of the Article Influence Score (AIS), JEEA ranks currently close to top-5 amongst mainstream economics journals.

The Figure below shows time series for two-year, five-year and AIS Impact Factors for JEEA.

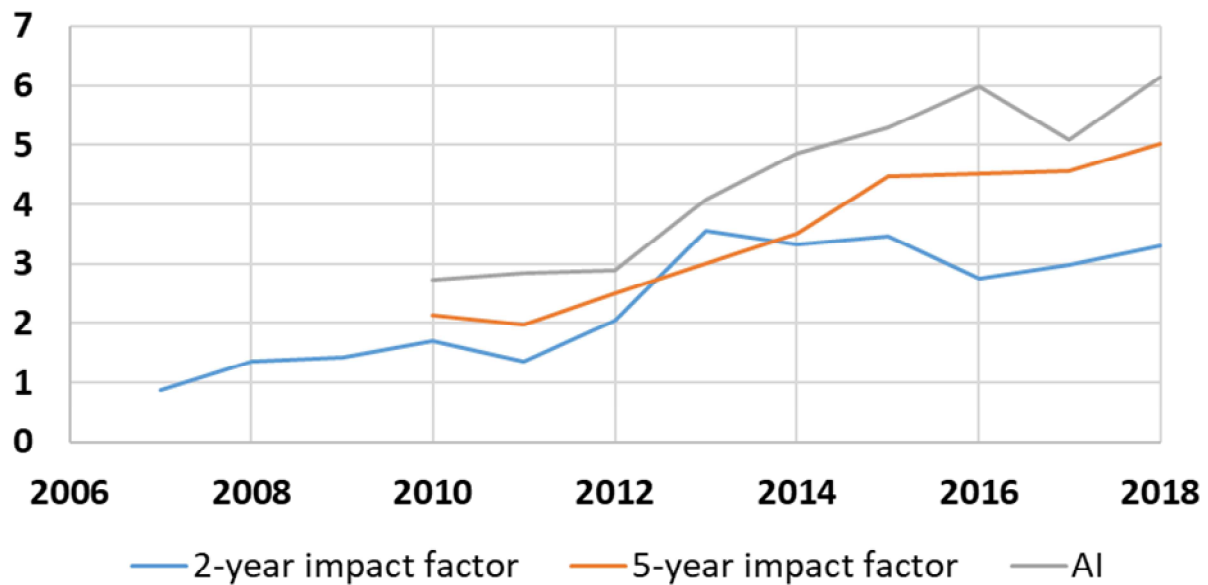


TABLE 1: NUMBER OF NEW SUBMISSIONS, FINAL DECISIONS (accept/reject) AND ACCEPTED PAPERS BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2018 AND DECEMBER 31, 2018 (comparison with previous years)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of new submissions	689	780	798	890	957	939
Number of final decisions (D)	677	765	734	854	962	957
Number of accepted papers (A)	32	47	39	47	61	57
Acceptance rate (%) (A/D)	4.7	6.1	5.3	5.5	6.3	6.0

TABLE 2: TURNAROUND STATISTICS FOR NEW SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2018 AND DECEMBER 31, 2018 (comparison with 2016 and 2017)

	2018		2017		2016	
	# Submissions	Days to 1st decision	# Submissions	Days to 1st decision	# Submissions	Days to 1st decision
Summarily rejected	465	9	470	9	353	10
Rejected	414	74	417	88	454	91
Revise-and-Resubmit	47	129	49	178	63	145
Accepted/Cond. Accepted	12	125	17	87	13	110
Pending			0		3	
Withdrawn	1		4		4	
TOTAL (excluding pending and withdrawn)	938	45	953	54	883	63

**TABLE 3: FINAL DECISIONS MADE BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2018 AND
DECEMBER 31, 2018
(BREAKDOWN BY 1st ROUND/R&R)**

	Total decisions	On 1st round	After R&R	% of decisions over R&R
Accepted	57	0	57	96.61
Rejected	428	426	2	3.39
Summarily Rejected	472	472	0	-
Total	957	898	59	100