

# Call for Papers - Special Issue on 'Fiscal Rules and Institutions'

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Given the large role of the public sector in today's economy, ensuring high quality and efficient provision of public services is vital for economic development. Over recent decades, numerical fiscal rules and independent fiscal institutions were established in many countries to tackle problems of time inconsistency and to keep clientelism in check. Today, these fiscal institutions are frequently under pressure. In the face of multiple crises and public spending needs, there are calls for greater flexibility. At the same time, there is criticism of a lack of investment and waste of public funds and fiscal space is eroding. Against this backdrop, this special issue aims to provide a forum for research that could give guidance on better fiscal institutions that could combine fiscal sustainability, future-orientation, flexibility and efficiency of public spending.

Empirical and theoretical contributions to the special issue may deal with, but are not limited to the following topics:

- Design and effectiveness of fiscal rules
- Reform of the EU's fiscal governance
- Financing European rearmament under fiscal constraints
- Performance budgeting and other innovative budgetary approaches
- The role of independent fiscal institutions for rule-based policies
- Measuring and incentivizing government spending efficiency
- Fiscal institutions and populist governments
- Macroeconomic consequences of fiscal rules
- Fiscal institutions from a monetary policy perspective

All papers will be looked after by one guest editor by one guest editor and refereed by anonymous referees. Papers should be submitted in English through the online portal <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jbnst> as Original Article indicating that they are submitted for the Special Issue '*Fiscal Rules and Institutions*'.

If you are in doubt whether your paper fits into the special issue, please contact the guest editors.

## Dates

Submission of full papers:	before October 31, 2025
Feedback from referees:	January/February 2026
Submission of revised papers:	March/April 2026

Finally accepted papers will be published immediately online ahead of print.