

Call for Papers - Special Issue on 'Minimum Wages – Experiences of European Countries'

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Topic

The minimum wage is one of the most frequently discussed topics in the field of labour market policy. Most of the international research on this topic has investigated minimum wages in the United States, Great Britain and since recently, in Germany. Beyond these three countries, the availability of empirical evidence on minimum wages in European countries is limited. However, research has widely noted that there exist considerable differences in the types of minimum wage regimes and the way minimum wages are adjusted. Thus, it is likely that the effects of minimum wages also vary across countries. Against this backdrop, more country specific and comparative evidence on minimum wages is needed to inform several current debates about social policy, industrial relations and inequality in Europe. This applies, for example, to the European Commission's initiative for a directive on appropriate minimum wages in the EU, which plans to recommend a benchmark for minimum wages at 60 percent of median earnings.

Against this backdrop, the special issue aims to provide a forum for empirical studies on European countries. We would like to invite researchers to submit contributions consisting of either a systematic survey of the existing empirical evidence for a specific country, or new empirical analyses on a specific country, or a comparative cross-national study. Each of the studies should include both the following points A) and B):

- A. Short description and insight into the country-specific minimum wage regimes including adjustment mechanisms
- B. Key findings of the effects of the minimum wage on
 - socio-economic outcomes (earnings, wage distribution, poverty risks, employment, working time etc.), or
 - firms and employers' adjustments (productivity, profits and prices etc.), or
 - specific groups of workers or types of employment (marginal employment, seasonal work etc.).

The studies can also include recent findings on the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic for minimum wage workers and firms. Furthermore, they can address methodical challenges, such as the measurement of noncompliance and new methodological challenges for minimum wage research associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and minimum wage effects in an environment of high inflation and economic uncertainty.

All papers will be refereed by at least one guest editor and two anonymous referees. For our sub-mission guidelines see <http://www.jbnst.de/en/submission-guidelines.html>. Please submit your paper in English through the online portal <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jbnst>, selecting research-article as type and “**Special Issue: Minimum Wages**” as attribute.

Dates

Submission of full papers:	until May 1 st , 2023
Feedback from referees:	until October 1 st , 2023
Submission of revised papers	until February 1 st , 2024

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