

Call for Papers

## Special Issue in the European Economic Review: Field Experiments to Reduce Inequality

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### Special Issue Information

Field experiments have emerged as a pivotal methodological tool driving the credibility revolution in economics. By introducing exogenous variation into real-world settings, field experiments offer a unique opportunity to establish robust causal relationships with minimal interference in the decisions of economic agents. The resulting estimates are thus highly credible and policy-relevant (Harrison and List, 2004; Angrist and Pischke, 2010). In particular, field experiments have been invaluable in uncovering sources of economic inequality within countries, and testing strategies to mitigate such inequalities. Examples include:

- Reducing socioeconomic inequality in college admissions (Bettinger et al., 2012; Dynarski et al., 2021).
- Combating discrimination against individuals with disabilities (Gneezy et al., 2012).
- Addressing gender disparities in the labor market (Leibbrandt and List, 2015; Boudreau and Kaushik, 2022).
- Facilitating job market integration for job seekers (Belot et al., 2019).
- Enhancing mental health outcomes among disadvantaged populations (Bhat et al., 2022).

This special issue is dedicated to showcasing work that employs randomized field experiments to address various aspects related to inequality. We welcome high-quality submissions that adhere to contemporary best practices in field experimental research, such as pre-registration, ethical standards, and scalability considerations, among others.

We invite submissions across various subfields of economics that probe into inequality issues based on socioeconomic background, gender, race, or other attributes. Of main interest are the measurement and reduction of inequality in the following areas:

- Education
- Labor markets
- Welfare, households, and families
- Financial decision-making
- Non-market behavior

Contributions dealing with inequality in other areas are also welcome. Given the expertise of the guest editors, we especially encourage submissions that address issues of inequality in developed countries. All submitted manuscripts will undergo a rigorous and fair review process.

## Manuscript Submission Information

**Submissions Open:** December 1, 2023

**Submission Deadline:** December 31, 2024

**Submission Portal:** <https://www.editorialmanager.com/eerev>

When submitting your work, please make sure you select the Article Type: '**VSI: Field Experiments to Reduce Inequality**'.

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