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EDITORIAL POLICY

1. ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The Latin American Journal of Economic Development (LAJED) was first presented in September 2003 by the Institute of Socio-Economic Research of the Bolivian Catholic University "San Pablo", as an initiative of a group of experts concerned about the dissemination of relevant research and information that support debate related to public policies and academia.

The LAJED produces two numbers per year, which are published in May and November respectively. There are non-recurrent special issues that ensemble articles satisfying the needs for information and/or updated analysis, in the national and regional contexts at a specific point in time.

The journal's mission is to investigate the economic and social reality of Bolivia and the region, aiming to generate debate in civil society and to provide technical criteria available to public policymakers. It is intended for academics in development sciences, decision-makers, and civil society.

Furthermore, the journal has the vision of becoming one of the best journals in Economics among the academic-scientific community of Latin America in general and Bolivia in particular.

The research work published is original and shows academic-scientific rigor, covering a wide range of socio-economic topics. These are mainly of theoretical and applied nature, focused on structural and cyclical problems of Latin America and the world.

The main lines of research addressed are the following:

1. Social and economic development.
2. Social justice, inequalities and poverty.
3. Macroeconomics and microeconomics.
4. Public policies and institutionalality.
5. Environmental analysis, sustainable development and energy.
6. Food security and sovereignty.
7. International relations and trade.
8. Economic History and Economic thought.

9. Inclusive growth and social cohesion.

10. Innovation Economics, entrepreneurship, and inclusive micro-financing.

The journal has the ISSN register and published articles are categorized according to the classification system of the Journal of Economic Literature (JEL), meeting ISO690 quality standards. The LAJED is indexed to Latindex, Repec-Ideas, SciELO Bolivia, and included in Google Scholar.

2. SECTION POLICIES

2.1. SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

These articles follow scientific standards to produce knowledge through a clear research question. An introduction is provided to give the reader the context, and the framework for ordering and understanding the information presented in the body of the article. In addition, an actualized and organized literature review is included to guide the answer to the research question. Furthermore, the methodology should be relevant to the objectives. The results section presents the most important findings, connecting own observations with studies of interest, and pointing out contributions and limitations. The discussion of the results should be clear, concise, and contrasted with other studies. The conclusions present the hypothesis, the summary of the article and other ideas that reinforce the main contribution of the article.

This section also includes systematic reviews of the literature and analysis of methodological advances and challenges in economics.

2.2. DISCUSSION ARTICLES

These are exploratory studies on important issues on the national or international public agenda. They do not propose a research question for their systematic analysis and are descriptive in general. This section may include a critical analysis of books, an analysis of current events and a descriptive analysis of a socioeconomic phenomenon.

3. GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

3.1. SUBMISSIONS

The articles can be sent either in Spanish or English. Registration and login are required to submit items online and to check the status of recent submissions. Go to login to an existing account or register a new account.

Alternatively, you can also send your article and best practice commitment to the following e-mail address: lajed@ucb.edu.bo with the subject line: SUBMISSIONS - LAJED No. 39

The Latin American Journal of Economic Development (LAJED) accepts original articles (English or Spanish) in any of its sections that have not been published and are not being considered by other scientific journals. They are expected to have an excellent level of

writing, clarity in the exposition of ideas, and their contribution should be relevant to the academic debate and the general development of the country, the region, and the world.

The journal collects articles in a period of three months to make up the edition corresponding to the two publications per year. After receiving the article, in the following 15 days, the editorial team notifies whether the article goes through the peer review process or if it is rejected. Only articles that are considered to have a high chance of being published are sent for peer review. The editorial process times are estimated between 15 and 17 weeks (4 months approximately).

3.2. SUBMISSION PREPARATION CHECKLIST

As part of the submission process, authors are required to check that their submission follows all the elements shown below. Submissions that do not meet these guidelines will be returned to the authors.

- The submission has not been previously published, nor is it before another journal for consideration (or an explanation has been provided in Comments to the Editor).
- The submission file is in LibreOffice, Microsoft Word, or LaTeX document file format.
- Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
- Text is 1.5 line spacing and 12-point font size; single column text; employs italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses); and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.
- The commitment to good practices, properly signed, is attached.

3.3. PREPARATION OF THE ARTICLE

Currently, a flexible formatting model is implemented in the first stage. That is, the first submission does not necessarily have to comply with rigid requirements on the typeface, margin, and formatting of tables and graphs. However, the structure of the articles must follow the guidelines of the journal's section policies, as well as the use of citations and references in APA 7th edition. Only after approval for publication, the articles should be adjusted to the formal style requirements of the LAJED journal.

Also, the first page must include the following information: i) the title of the document (in Spanish and English), ii) the name or names of the author(s) followed by an asterisk "*" calling a footnote which contains information about their academic affiliation (title, institution (university) and contact address), iii) an abstract of no more than 150 words in Spanish and English, iv) the JEL code(s) (up to 5 codes can be included) and v) the keywords in both Spanish and English. The footnote must also specify the research funding sources (if any) and/or whether the investigation is a part of a wider project.

3.4. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

All authors wishing to submit a document to be published in the LAJED must consider the following specifications:

1. The ideas, opinions and concepts expressed in the manuscripts are the responsibility of the author(s) and they do not reflect the opinions of the editor and/or the LAJED journal.
2. The submission of a manuscript implies that the authors agree that, in case their article is accepted for publication, the Bolivian Catholic University "San Pablo" acquires the copyright for its dissemination in both print and electronic format.
3. The total or partial reproduction of the articles in this journal is allowed once the complete source is explicitly quoted.
4. Documents submitted must be original and unpublished. The authors must guarantee that their articles have not been previously published and are not in process of evaluation for any other media¹.
5. The publication of articles of discussion and dissemination of knowledge (previously evaluated) should not exceed 20% of the total articles in the journal.
6. The documents will be evaluated anonymously by specialists in each field, attending to aspects such as the quality of the article, originality, relevance, methodology and literature review.
7. If the article is received until January of the current year, it will be published in the number corresponding to May; if it is submitted until July, it will be published in the November issue if the item waiting list does not exceed the maximum of documents for that number. If there are surpluses of accepted articles for a certain issue, they will be considered for the next with the author's previous approval.
8. The LAJED does not pay or charge any commission to publish an article, all submissions are free.
9. The editorial committee of the journal reserves the right to publish articles written in languages other than Spanish or English, depending on their rigor and relevance.
10. The authors must specify in a footnote the research funding sources (if they exist) and/or if their investigation is part of a wider project.

¹ To evaluate if the research article is original and unpublished, we use OURIGINAL anti plagiarism software.

11. The authors must have an ORCID identification number and send it to the editor².
12. All authors must submit the Good Practices Commitment, completed, and signed along with the article.
13. All authors must take the journal's Ethics Statement into account.

3.5. FORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Authors whose manuscripts have been accepted for publication should submit the electronic version of their paper adhering to the following guidelines:

General

- The document must be presented in Microsoft Word or LaTeX, with a paper size of 8.5 x 11 inches, Times New Roman font size of 12, and a line spacing of 1.5. All pages must be numbered consecutively. Titles and subtitles must be numbered using Arabic and bold numbers (ex.: 1. or 2.1 or 2.1.1). Both titles and subtitles must be placed on the left side of the page.
- If the paper was written in LaTeX, the PDF file and the Word version should be sent using the Pandoc converter or another converter. Also, should be attached the auxiliary files.
- Tables and graphs used should also be added in a Microsoft Excel file for editing purposes.
- The maximum document length shall be 35 pages including bibliographical references, annexes, tables/charts, figures/graphs and photographs.
- Footnotes must be listed consecutively according to the text as superscript and in Arabic numerals. They should be in Times New Roman size 10, with simple line spacing and justified.
- Formulas must be processed in the Microsoft Word Equation Editor or LaTeX. They must also be listed consecutively according to the text as: (1), (2), etc. on the right side of the page.
- Both, the decimal separator, and the thousands separator must correspond to the language of the article.
- A short biography of each author (50-100 words including their most relevant academic degrees and current positions) should be written on a separate sheet of paper. It should also include nationality, institutional affiliation, ORCID code, e-mail, and telephone.

² Authors who do not have an ORCID personal identifier should register at <http://orcid.org> to complete this information.

First page

- The title of the document (in Spanish and English) and the name or names of the author(s) followed by an asterisk "*" calling a footnote which contains information about their academic affiliation (title, institution (university), ORCID code, and contact address).
- An abstract of no more than 150 words in Spanish and English.
- The [Journal of Economic Literature](#) - JEL code(s) (up to 5 codes can be included) and the keywords in both Spanish and English.
- The footnote must also specify the research funding sources (if any) and/or whether the investigation is a part of a wider project.

Citations in the text

The citation will be made according to the APA 7th edition (American Psychological Association). Figures/graphs, photographs and tables/charts must follow APA standards and be in high definition for a better editing process.

When more than one work is cited, sort first chronologically and, within each year, in alphabetical order. Examples: Hamilton (1988), Heckman (1988), and Amemiya (1989).

References

Care should be taken to verify that all citations placed in the text appear in the list of references. Only references that were used in the main text of the paper, in the tables, or the graphs should appear in the list, this implies that other references should not appear, even if the author has consulted them during the preparation of the article.

References should follow the APA 7th edition and should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals on the left side according to the page margin and in alphabetical order.

4. REVIEW AND DECISION PROCESS

The Latin American Journal of Economic Development (LAJED) is a peer-reviewed journal in a double-blind mode. Articles are reviewed by external evaluators after the evaluation by the Internal Editorial Board evaluation. Generally, the external evaluators are members of the Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences (ABCE) since the 13th issue and by the Society of Economists in Bolivia (SEBOL) since the 32nd, both as independent instances, to provide greater impartiality and technical quality to the articles presented and to avoid any conflict of interest related to aspects of economic, institutional or personal matters between the authors, the evaluators and the institution.

The revision process has two phases: internal and external arbitrage. The first one lasts three weeks and the second lasts more than a month. Once the internal and external arbitration phases are carried out, formal notes are sent to the authors with the corresponding verdict: i) accepted without modifications, ii) accepted with modifications, or iii) rejected. If there are controversies in the verdicts of two external arbitrators, the Internal Editorial Board shall make the final decision.

5. FOR THE EXTERNAL EDITORIAL BOARD

The articles of the LAJED should be submitted for evaluation by professionals specialized in the subject of each article. All evaluators shall have a form that includes all the aspects that the articles must comply with to be published in the journal according to the Editorial Board. The evaluators will assess the degree of compliance with these aspects and will give an opinion on the quality of the article in a written note. Some aspects that the evaluator should consider are:

1. Originality and innovation of the article.
2. Relevance of the article about the current situation.
3. Clarity of the text, even for non-experts in the subject (shall include the evaluation of spelling and writing, to improve the quality of the article).
4. Scientific rigor and well-founded conclusions.
5. Any objection, comment, or criticism must be clearly formulated in writing.
6. The final decision of the arbitrator, accepting or rejecting the item, must be supported by the respective arguments in writing.
7. The evaluator must bear in mind that other evaluators of the same article may have different viewpoints and that the Editor will take the decision to publish it based on reports with different recommendations. Therefore, it is very useful for the editor that the reasons behind the decision of the examiner be clearly established.