

Greetings from the [American Committee on Asian Economic Studies](#) and its publication, the [Journal of Asian Economics](#).

This message brings news of our upcoming ASSA 2020 events; special issues of the *Journal of Asian Economics*; ACAES conference activity for 2019; and an update on the *Journal's* rising citation metrics.

ASSA 2020 Session & Reception

The topic of our joint session with the American Economic Association at the 2020 Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting (San Diego, Jan. 3-5) is **Economic Inequality in Asia**. The time is Saturday, 2:30pm. The full program is posted [here](#).

A reception to celebrate the **30th ANNIVERSARY** of the *Journal of Asian Economics* will follow our session in the same room at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, details [here](#). Many who have been involved since the Journal's early days will be on hand to celebrate and share stories. Among them, Frank Hsiao will be marking retirement from the position of Associate Editor after 12 years of much appreciated service. We look forward to welcoming newcomers as well.

Journal of Asian Economics Special Issues

- In conjunction with our upcoming ASSA panel, we invite papers for a special issue on **economic inequality**. The deadline for submission is November 30, 2019.
- Another special issue now open for submission is on the **economics of climate change and environment**, with a submission deadline of December 31, 2019
- A special issue on **behavioral economics** guest edited by Jie Zheng is now taking shape [online](#).
- And in 2020, look for a special issue on **financial development** to be posted, guest edited by Paulo Regis.



ACAES Conference Participation

We have had a busy schedule of conference participation in 2019, always scouting for journal submissions. The listing ...



> **Suzhou, China:** Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University & Asian Development Bank Institute, May (photo);

> **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam:** Banking University & the Association of Vietnamese Scientists and Experts, June;

> **Taoyuan, Taiwan:** Association for China Economic Studies, July;

> **Manila, Philippines:** Philippine Economic Society, November;

Citation Impact Factors

Impact factors calculated by Clarivate Analytics (SSCI) and Elsevier (Scopus CiteScore) for 2018 showed big increases for the *Journal of Asian Economics* over the previous year. Our 2018 IF for SSCI stands at 1.111 and for Scopus at 1.59. These numbers are important because people think they are important, especially in Asia where the importance has been widely institutionalized in tenure and promotion criteria and compensation bonuses. On a cautionary note, however, journal rankings by these IFs produce some curious results. The #2 ranked economics journal by the SSCI IF (ranking available for purchase) is *Economic Geography* and by [Scopus CiteScore](#) it is *Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice*. For comparison, by the [RePEc 10-year-simple impact factor](#), *Economic Geography* ranks at #163 while *Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice* is not even included.

More tellingly, the RePEc ranking of the *Journal of Asian Economics* is #160 of more than 2000 economics journals with a 10-year simple impact factor of 3.667 (subject to constant update). By this criterion, the *Journal of Asian Economics* is the top journal in the field of Asian economic studies.

Thanks for reading. I hope to see many of you at our ASSA session and reception.

Sincerely,

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