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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 Socio-Economic Research Institute 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. However, 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.

This journal has established the mission to investigate the economic and social realities of Bolivia and the region, aiming to generate debate in civil society and providing technical criteria available to public policy makers. It is directed to academics in development sciences, decision makers and civil society.

The works that are published are original and show 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. In recent years the main lines of research that have been addressed are:

1. Economic development.
2. Macroeconomic analysis.
3. Public policy design.

4. Commercial integration policies.
5. Energy integration policies.
6. Climate change.
7. Sociological analysis of reality.

The new requirements of the media have now originated new lines of research, such as:

8. Social cohesion.
9. Inclusive growth.
10. Economy of happiness.
11. Innovation Economics, entrepreneurship and inclusive micro-financing.
12. Food security and sovereignty.

The journal has the ISSN register and published articles are classified according to the classification system of the Journal of Economic Literature (JEL), which is why they obey the ISO690 quality standards. At the same time, the LAJED is indexed to Latindex, RePEc-ideas, Bolivian magazines and Scielo Bolivia.

2. INTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

All authors wishing to submit a document for publication in the LAJED journal must take into account the following specifications:

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A. INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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7. Ideas and opinions issued in the articles are the sole responsibility of the authors, so they do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor and/or the LAJED.

B. REVIEW AND DECISION PROCESS

The Latin American Journal of Economic Development (LAJED) is a peer-reviewed journal in double-blind mode, where articles are reviewed at least by two evaluators after the internal editorial board evaluation. As a general rule, the evaluators are members of the International Editorial board and beginning from the 13th edition the process is directed by the Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences (ABCE) as an independent instance, with the aim of providing greater impartiality and technical quality to the articles presented and to avoid any conflict of interest by the authors, the evaluators and the institution in reference to aspects generally of economic, institutional or personal matters. In turn, each article is submitted for review and evaluation to a specialist in the field prior to publication; that is to say until May and November of each year with a margin of up to a month after the indicated dates.

Once the internal and external arbitration phases are carried out, formal notes are sent to the authors with the corresponding dictum. If there are controversies in the verdicts of the two external arbitrators, the Internal Editorial Committee shall make the final decision on the acceptance or rejection of the document in question.

C. MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

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2. The Institute of Socio-economic research reserves the right to publish articles that are written in languages other than Spanish or English depending on the rigor and relevance of the article.
3. The document must be presented in Microsoft Word, paper size 8.5 x 11 inch, Times New Roman, font size 12 and line-spacing of 1.5. The tables and charts used must also be added to a Microsoft Excel file for editing purposes, as well as the used data. All pages must be numbered consecutively. Titles and subtitles

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- For Books:
Olson, M. (1965). *The Logic of Collective Action*, Cambridge. MA, Harvard University Press.
- For Works published in collections:
Romer, C. D., and D. H. Romer (1989). Does monetary policy matter? A new test in the spirit of Friedman and Schwartz. In O.J. Blanchard and S. Fischer, eds. *NBER Macroeconomics Annual: 1989*. Cambridge, MA. MIT Press.
- For working papers:
Caselli, F. and M. Morelli (2001). Bad politicians. Working Paper 8532. Cambridge, MA. NBER.
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1. Originality and innovation of the article.
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4. Scientific rigor and well-founded conclusions of the work.
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