



CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue of

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“Informality and Undeclared Work”

Journal of World Economy Call launch a call for papers for a special issue on “Informality and Undeclared Work”, which will publish in issue 60 (first quarter of 2022).

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Structure of the Special Issue and contact

Revista de Economía Mundial (REM)/ Journal World Economy (JWE) (<http://uhu.es/publicaciones/ojs/index.php/REM/index>) is an academic international journal edited by the *Sociedad de Economía Mundial/World Economy Society* indexed, among others, in SJR (Scopus), Social Sciences Citation Index, Fuente Académica Plus, International Bibliography of Social Sciences, ABI/INFORM, Business Source Premier, Public Affairs Index, Business Source Elite.

This Special Issue will include up to **10-12 papers** on “Informality and Undeclared Work”.

Authors are strongly encouraged to read carefully the background and reasons included in this call for papers before considering the submission. For more information on this special issue, see

<http://uhu.es/publicaciones/ojs/index.php/REM/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions> or contact the Editors (rem@uhu.es).

Background and rationale of the Special Issue

Approaching the analysis of the socioeconomic reality of the countries requires, and this has been the case for at least half a century, stopping at the study, among other phenomena, called the informal economy.

Since, back in the year 1970, in the ILO, the term informality was coined, by drawing attention to the fact that, in relatively less developed countries, the employment problem is not so much concentrated in unemployment [typical in developed countries] but mainly in those people who, while employed, receive insufficient income. Previously, economic and sociological literature had referred to the phenomenon, in a different perspective, referring to traditional economic relations that coexisted, and coexist, with the modern sector, of industrial capitalism, more or less advanced.

Today, after more than five decades of research on the phenomenon, we have an abundant empirical literature referring to all parts of the world. Literature that offers us a detailed photograph of informality from different perspectives, of the impact it has on developing economies, but also on developed ones –with different names-. In addition, in the same way, it provides us with different interpretations about the role of this phenomenon in the dynamics of development. In this regard, as usually happens in the field of social sciences, there are many more questions that we have than the plausibility, about the phenomenon.

In this perspective, it is worth questioning whether the phenomenon of informality is just a refuge for those fleeing from the demanding regulations of public administrations on the functioning of markets. In that way, it would mean that informal activity constituting a palpable example of repressed entrepreneurial spirit, but in other alternatively way, rather, informality constitutes a universal reality linked in an intrinsic and functional way to the formality of capitalism itself in its different stages.

Different analytical approaches to interpret a reality that shows evident links with the socioeconomic inequality of the world in which we live, with poverty and with the social exclusion of large layers of the population, in the most varied economies, advanced or emerging.

In this perspective, we may be interested in dwelling on the dimension of informality and its socioeconomic role and discussing the different interpretations that the phenomenon under analysis receives now, particularly from the perspective of Socioeconomics.

And all this, supported by an important profusion of empirical analysis of this complex socio-economic reality, which focuses especially on women, but also the rural population, in certain sectors or economic functions and in certain territories, particularly where poverty rates and Underdevelopment indicates the presence of a more backward economic and social structure.

Above all, we are interested in delving deeper and await work proposals for this special issue, in all these areas of possible analysis.

Possible topics: (non-exhaustive list)

- Theoretical approach to the phenomenon of informality.
- Estimating informal (underground) economy.
- Institutions and informal activities
- Sustainable development and informal activities.
- Behaviour of informal socioeconomic agents.
- Characteristics of informal activities.
- Informal activities and economic cycles.
- The informal economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Job insecurity and social exclusion as identifying factors of informality.
- Informality and entrepreneurship.
- Digital platforms and precariousness.
- Financiarization and informality
- Informality and space.
- Informality and women: caregivers and domestic workers.
- Informality and economic policies.
- Fiscal morality, fiscal fraud and informality.
- Informal (irregular) labour markets.

Submissions

Papers can write in English or Spanish, although REM/JWE recommends English since it can reach a greater audience. The received full papers would be subject to previous editorial scrutiny and pre-selection, and to strict peer-review process before acceptance. Then, an exhaustive knowledge of the specific published literature will be appreciated. Articles should be no more than **7,000 words in length**, including all references, notes and tables. Articles must include an abstract of no more than **100** words and up to five keywords. Submissions should send directly through the *Journal of World Economy (JWE)/Revista de Economía Mundial (REM)* on-line submission system:

<http://uhu.es/publicaciones/ojs/index.php/REM/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions>

Timeline

Deadline for the submission of full papers: **12th September 2021.**

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