

Selection Criteria for the Prize of the Best Gender Paper

IIEA in partnership with PGN (The Persianate Global Network for Women's Economic Empowerment) is proud to announce a prize in the amount of USD500 for the best paper on the topic of gender and economic issues that is presented at the planned conference in Doha, Qatar, in November of 2024. The deadline for the submission is July 10, 2024.

There is a growing attention to gender issues within the economic discipline worldwide, For this reason and that Iranian women's economic participation has remained stubbornly low despite their marked schooling advances, the IIEA is of the opinion that this topic deserves greater attention. It thus strives to deepen the understanding of gender and access to economic opportunities in Iran.

Successful papers should delve into the impact of Iran's institutional characteristics on both economic activity and gender inequality. These institutional elements can be found in formal political and legal, as well as informal traditions, religion, culture, and history. They can impact income and wealth distribution (e.g., wage discrimination, inheritance, formal and informal property, and income distribution in marriage), labor-force participation (gender-related formal regulations and informal traditions in hirings and promotions, sexuality-based regulations, and prohibitions of aspects of women's public presence and labor-force participation), among others. Formal legal/religious and informal traditional/cultural/historical control/quasi-ownership of women's sexuality by husband, father, brother, and other family members, as well as general political and cultural norms (including but not limited to women's physical public appearance and dress code). While many of these institutional characteristics typically reinforce gender inequality, it is also worthwhile investigating their unexpected and contradictory effects. Such effects may include instances of mobilization and the emergence of female leadership within social change.

Selection criteria:

As all papers submitted for presentation at the IIEA conference and competition must adhere to standards of original research and sound scholarship, evidence-based qualitative and quantitative analysis, and solid theoretical backing, the same criteria apply for the evaluation of gender papers. Authors are expected as usual to provide a clear and comprehensive presentation of the paper's objectives, methodology, references, bibliography, and findings. In terms of specific criteria, in cases where quantitative data analysis is employed, authors should also strive to explain the model characteristics, and the results from such analysis, in plain terms to make the paper accessible for wider and non-technical audiences, and for a broader discourse on the subject matter. In short, the selection committee looks for rigorous scholarly analyses that investigate the intricate dynamics between economic, institutional, and gender-related factors in contemporary Iran which hold significant potential for enriching our understanding of the country's complex socio-economic and developmental landscape.

Beyond the usual empirical, theoretical, methodological aspects – as elaborated in the introduction, main body, and conclusion sections – papers will be preferred that offer insights into the broader implications of the research, and suggest avenues for future inquiry.