

Call for Papers

Special Issue on Numeracy and Economic Decisions

Submission deadline: April 30, 2027

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Overview

Numeracy — the ability to understand, reason with, and apply numerical and probabilistic information — plays a central role in how individuals navigate financial and economic decisions. From interpreting interest rates and inflation to evaluating risk in investment and insurance choices, to detecting fraudulent or deceptive numerical claims, numeracy skills shape economic outcomes at both the individual and societal levels. If anything, the role of numeracy (subjective and objective) is bound to increase as more economic information becomes available to individuals and more decisions are transferred to them.

This Special Issue on Numeracy and Economic Decisions invites contributions that advance our understanding of how numeracy shapes economic judgments, decisions, and behaviours, broadly defined. We welcome work spanning laboratory and field studies, cross-cultural comparisons, and applied interventions, using diverse approaches and methodologies.

Topics of Interest

We welcome submissions addressing, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Numeracy and financial decision-making (saving, borrowing, investing, retirement planning)
- Numeracy and susceptibility to scams, fraud, or deceptive marketing
- The role of numeracy in risk perception and probabilistic judgment
- Individual differences in numeracy: measurement, development, and malleability
- Numeracy interventions and financial education/literacy programs
- Numeracy and consumer choice (pricing, discounts, comparative judgments)
- Interactions between numeracy, trust, and confidence in economic judgments
- Cross-cultural and socioeconomic variation in numeracy and economic outcomes, including, but not limited to, well-being.
- Numeric communication in economic decisions
- Numeracy and vulnerability across the lifespan (e.g., older adults, adolescents)

Methodological Standards

The Journal of Economic Psychology primarily publishes empirical papers. Submissions to this Special Issue must therefore adopt rigorous empirical methods, including:

- Controlled experiments (lab, field, or online) with random assignments and transparent reporting.
- Field and survey experiments that enable causal inference and rely on robust designs.
- Meta-analyses or large-scale data studies, provided they apply systematic, reproducible procedures.

Submission Guidelines

- The submission deadline is April 30, 2027: Numeracy and Economic Decisions.
- Submissions will be handled through the *Journal of Economic Psychology* online system.
- Authors must select the article type “VSI: Numeracy and Economic Decisions” when submitting.
- Manuscripts must be prepared according to the [Journal of Economic Psychology Guide for Authors](#).

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