

## Editorial Note

As usual at the beginning of the year, we publish our traditional editorial note. We present basic statistics and data concerning the evolution of the Journal in 2023. The RHE-JILAEH received 45 original research papers in 2022 (two of them were research notes). Figure 1 presents the evolution since 2018. We observe an important decrease in 2021, with a strong recovery in 2022 and a minor decrease in 2023 with respect to the number of articles submitted. Given the importance of disseminating databases, we have included a specific reference regarding the Journal's interest in publishing explanatory notes on databases in the author guidelines, and we published a note to this effect in the last issue of 2023.

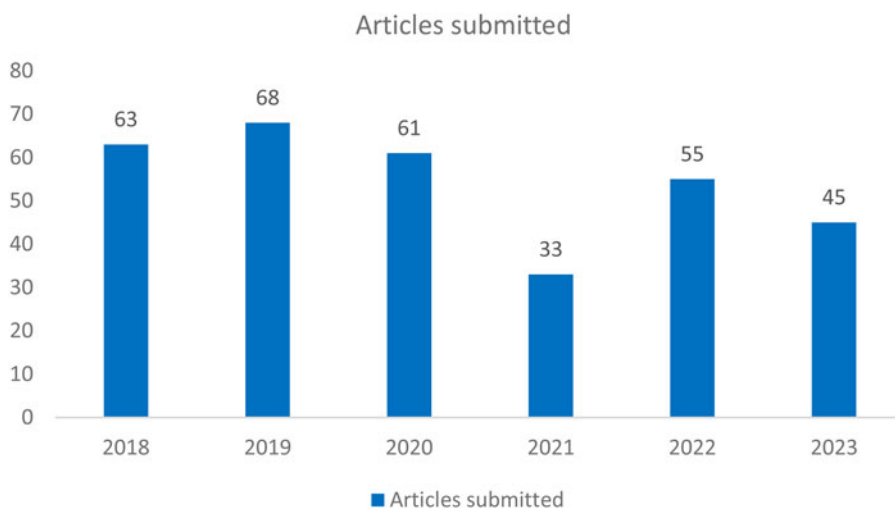


Figure 1. Number of original articles submitted to RHE-JILAEH, 2018-2023.

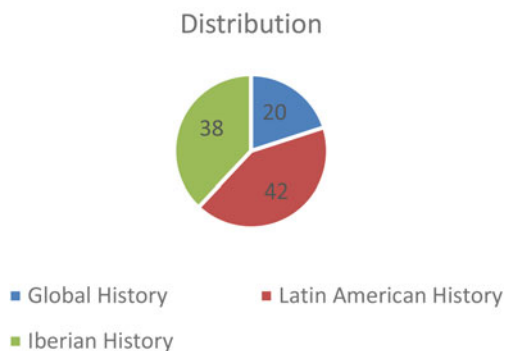


Figure 2. Regional Distribution of Topics. Total submissions in 2023 (%).

In comparison with 2022, in 2023, there was an increase in submitted articles dealing with Latin American history, accounting for 42% of the total submitted articles. Articles on Spanish and Portuguese economic history represent 38% of the total submitted articles. Additionally, we observed an increase in the percentage of original research papers on global economic history from 18% in 2022 to 20% in 2023.

**Table 1.** Geographical Distribution and Topics of Articles in 2023

Regional distribution	2021	2022	2023
Global History	29%	18%	20%
Latin American	35%	42%	42%
Iberian Peninsula	35%	40%	38%
Total	100%	100%	100%

**Table 2.** Statistics for evaluation periods and the state of original research papers during 2022

**STATISTICS FOR EVALUATION PERIODS AND THE STATE OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH PAPERS DURING 2023**

Length of evaluation process	2022-2023		2023	
	Total Articles		Articles submitted in 2023	
Under 3 months	20	30 %	19	42 %
Between 3 and 4 months	0	0 %	0	0 %
Over 4 months	20	30 %	4	9 %
Under evaluation	27	40 %	22	49 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100 %</b>

Results	2022-2023		2023	
	Total Articles		Articles submitted in 2023	
Accepted	18	27 %	3	7 %
Peer Rejection	6	9 %	5	11 %
In process	10	15 %	8	18 %
Under Evaluation	17	25 %	14	31 %
Editor's rejection	16	24 %	15	33 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100 %</b>

**GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL ARTICLES IN 2023**

Regional Distribution	
Global history	20 %
Latin America	42 %
Iberian Peninsula	38 %
	100 %

## REJECTION RATE

Articles rejected (total)	33 %
Articles rejected (received during 2023)	44 %

In terms of length of evaluation periods and Editors' acceptance or rejection, there were not substantial changes with respect to 2023.

According to the 2023 JCR Social Science Edition, the impact factor was lower than the previous year. If we use the impact factor (JIF), which has only one decimal now, it stands at 1.0. Conversely, if we look at the evolution of the JIC index (which does not consider self-citations), the trend is much more favorable, standing at 1.89. As Clarivate has explained, this year there has been a widespread decline in the impact factors of almost all journals due to the anomalous increase in indicators that occurred during the 2020-2021 period due to increased publication associated with COVID-19. Despite the decline in this year's JIF, considering that the index was 0.581 in 2019, the Journal's impact trajectory over the past years is very favorable. We remain in Q1 in the History category, which includes 'History of Social Sciences' as well as 'History'. In the case of 'History of Social Sciences', we are again ranked as the fourth most impactful journal behind 'Economic History Review', 'Journal of Economic History', and 'Explorations in Economic History'. In the 'Economics and Business' category, however, we revert to the Q4 category. The team of editors will make every possible effort to improve the impact factors, and want to thank the extraordinary collaboration of the referees of the RHE-JILAEH, whose names are listed at the end of this editorial note.

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