CALL FOR PAPERS
Symposium on “The Politics and Political Economy of Monetary Policy”
Review of Political Economy

The Review of Political Economy invites contributions that explore issues broadly related to the political economy of central bank policy and behavior. Once a popular topic, the mainstream economic consensus surrounding the importance of politically independent central bankers has reduced most interest in understanding the political incentives and constraints that monetary policymakers face.

This symposium seeks work on this topic from new and fresh perspectives. The symposium seeks contributions from a wide range of theoretical paradigms, including but not limited to feminist, institutionalist, post-Keynesian, and ecological schools of economic thought. We are also interested in papers from scholars working in the fields of political science, sociology, anthropology, and history. Papers may use empirical, theoretical, or historical methodologies. While we expect the symposium to be centered on issues relating to U.S. monetary policy, we welcome papers focused on other countries as well as those that adopt an international or global perspective.

Some of the relevant topics that contributions may explore include

- The basis of political support for recent policy innovations, both inside and outside of the government
- The role of the revolving door in central bank policymaking
- Formal and informal communication between the national government and the central bank
- Distributional and political consequences of monetary policy, both across the broader economy and within specific sectors
- Historical perspectives on the confluence of monetary policy and politics
- The contrast between the popularity of expansionary monetary policy and the relative unpopularity of expansive fiscal policy

The deadline for submitting completed papers is March 1, 2022. Please submit an abstract by July 1, 2021.

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