

## Call for Papers

### Special Issue of the Journal of Economics and Statistics (Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik) on

## *Effects of the Introduction of the Statutory Minimum Wage in Germany*

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### Topic

On January 1, 2015 Germany introduced a new national minimum wage of €8.50 per hour, which was increased to €8.84 on January 1, 2017. Before its introduction the statutory minimum wage was often considered as a “grand social experiment”. Accordingly, potential effects have been discussed controversially and scientific forecasts made in advance about the effects of the minimum wage differed considerably. In view of these debates and the theoretically unclear effects, the question of the effects of the new German minimum wage is above all an empirical one.

Against this backdrop, the special issue “Effects of the introduction of the statutory minimum wage in Germany” aims to provide a forum for research on the effects of the German national statutory minimum wage. We would like to invite researchers to submit empirical contributions that cover the following and related topics:

- Effects of the minimum wage on socio-economic outcomes (earnings, wage distribution, poverty risks, employment, working time etc.)
- Minimum wage effects on specific groups of workers (young employees, employees receiving supplementary benefit payments (“Aufstocker”) etc.) or types of employment (marginal employment, seasonal work etc.)
- Companies’ and employees’ adjustment patterns as a result of the minimum wage introduction
- Minimum wage effects on companies and macroeconomic conditions
- Relevant contributions for the section “Data Observer”

All papers will be refereed by at least one guest editor and two anonymous referees. For our submission guidelines see <http://www.jbnst.de/en/submission-guidelines.html>. Please submit your paper in English through the online portal <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jbnst>, selecting research-article as type and “Special Issue: Minimum Wage” as attribute.

### Dates

Deadline for full paper submission: before October 1, 2018

Feedback from referees: around February 1, 2019

Submission of revised papers: before May 1, 2019