

Call for papers

Special Issue on *'Market power and Concentration developments: Evidence and implications for Germany and Europe'* of the Journal of Economics and Statistics / Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik

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Topic

The long-term development of business concentration and market power has recently attracted considerable international attention among researchers and policy makers. The reason is current empirical research, which observes an intersectoral increase in the concentration and markups of companies, and thus a decrease in the intensity of competition, especially in the USA. In view of these findings, a possible link between reduced competition between companies and macroeconomic trends, such as a productivity growth slowdown, a declining labor share or rising income inequality, is currently being discussed. Until recently, just a few studies were available in this area that focus on European economies. This lack of evidence for Germany and Europe is currently motivating many empirical research projects. This Special Issue is intended to contribute to this academic debate.

We welcome empirical contributions that, for example, deal with the following topics and focus on Germany and/or Europe:

- Trends in business concentration (that may also include corporate links such as minority shareholdings)
- Markup and revenue developments
- Measurement issues of intersectoral market power indicators
- Macroeconomic and policy implications of changes in the aforementioned indicators

Please submit your paper in English language to both editors by e-mail as pdf-file. If you are in doubt whether your paper might fit into the special issue, please contact the guest editors.

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Submission of full papers:	until August 31, 2020
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