Editors’ report

Over the last three years, Social Choice and Welfare has recorded a stable number of submissions, a median time to first decision approaching three months (for new submissions in the year), and an increasing rejection rate (for decisions made in the year). This reflects constant efforts by the editorial board to improve the efficiency of the editorial process and to raise the quality of the journal. These efforts pursue the trend initiated by the previous editors, who deserve all the credit for having established the good standing of this journal.

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As explained on its webpage, the scope of the journal is rather broad:

*Social Choice and Welfare* explores all aspects, both normative and positive, of welfare economics, collective choice, and strategic interaction. Topics include but are not limited to: preference aggregation, welfare criteria, fairness, justice and equity, rights, inequality and poverty measurement, voting and elections, political games, coalition formation, public goods, mechanism design, networks, matching, optimal taxation, cost-benefit analysis, and experimental investigations related to social choice and voting. As such, the journal is inter-disciplinary and cuts across the boundaries of economics, political science, philosophy, and mathematics. Articles on choice and order theory that include results that can be applied to the above topics are also included in the journal. While it emphasizes theory, the journal also publishes empirical work in the subject area reflecting cross-fertilizing between theoretical and empirical research.

Emerging fields have already made their way into the journal, such as computational social choice, judgment aggregation, experiments, market design, behavioral welfare economics, and subjective well-being studies. Authors are strongly encouraged to submit papers in these fields, without detriment to the fields more traditionally covered by the journal. Articles and surveys that critically assess the direction of research in social choice theory, welfare economics, and related fields, as well as philosophical papers about social justice, are also welcome.

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