



VALUES, ECONOMICS, AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT WORKING PAPER SERIES

The [Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization](#) (CREDO), the [Global Catholic Education Project](#), and the [Lumen Christi Institute](#) are launching a new working paper series on Values, Economics, and Catholic Social Thought. Information on the series and how to submit papers is provided below.

Aims of the series: The series provides an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to publish working papers on themes related to values, economics, and Catholic social thought, thereby promoting dialogue on these themes in the scholarly community and among practitioners. While the series is expected to have a broad focus on economic analysis and reasoning, researchers and practitioners from other social sciences as well as philosophy and theology are encouraged to submit their work.

Submission and review process: Scholars as well as practitioners are encouraged to submit a working paper. The editorial team will assess the quality of each paper submitted. If a paper is deemed of sufficient quality, it will be published, possibly after revisions suggested by the editorial team. The review process is meant to be light - this is not a traditional peer review with potentially extensive revisions as would be required for a journal publication: it is more like a yes or no decision with limited revisions as needed in case of acceptance. The editorial team will request reviews by specialists in the field if it feels it does not have sufficient expertise to make a determination on acceptance on its own.

Types of papers: Papers focusing on economic analysis as well as analysis from other disciplines (philosophy, theology, political science, education, health, social protection, etc.) may be submitted. Quantitative, qualitative, and conceptual analysis are all welcome, as are case studies. The series will publish technical papers for economists, but it will also publish papers that may be of interest to a wider audience. While authors are encouraged to consider the practical or policy implications of their analysis, this is not a requirement. Papers should typically range from 5,000 to 8,000 words, although longer papers may be accepted. Formatting needs to adhere to guidelines provided in the annex.

Copyright: Authors retain the copyright of their working paper, unless they have explicitly granted copyright to another entity, in which case approval of that entity for inclusion in the series is required.

Open access: The series is hosted on one of the sponsoring organizations' websites in open access.

Editorial team: The editorial team for the series consists of:

- John Buchmann, Director of Development at the Lumen Christi Institute
- Bernhard Gunter, Assistant Professor of Economics at American University
- Jo Marie Griesgraber, former Executive Director of the New Rules for Global Finance Coalition
- Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, Professor of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania
- Quentin Wodon, Lead Economist at the World Bank.

Contact information: To submit papers, please write to credoworkingpaper@gmail.com.



Annex: Submission Checklist and Formatting Guidelines¹

Please send submissions as pdf files and ensure that you follow the guidelines below:

- Your submission includes an abstract (max. 500 words) and keywords.
- All materials are included in a single file – figures and tables within the text, not at the end.
- One author is designated as the corresponding author with contact details (e-mail address).
- Divide the article into clearly defined sections.
- Check your manuscript for typos and grammar.
- All references mentioned in the Reference List are cited in the text, and vice versa.
- Permission has been obtained for use of copyrighted material from other sources.
- A brief competing interests statement is provided, even if there are no competing interests.
- In your email for the submission, feel free to suggest up to three potential reviewers.
- You follow the style guidelines provided below.

Style guidelines:

- Paper size: letter (US).
- Margins: 1 inch (top, bottom, left, right).
- Line spacing: 1.5.
- Font: Calibri 11 for main text, Calibri 12 for title in bold.
- The first page includes the title (centered), the authors (centered, affiliations in footnotes), the abstract, and keywords (minimum 3, maximum 5). The paper's introduction starts on page 2.
- Use section numbers (such as: 1. Introduction; 2. Data and Methodology; 3. Results, etc.)
- Each citation in the body of the paper should include only the last name or names of the author(s) and the year of publication. If the citation includes three authors or fewer, list all authors by their last names. If the citation includes more than three authors, then it should appear under just the first author's last name and "et al." followed by the year.

References: Follow the referencing style used by the American Psychological Association. References should be arranged first alphabetically and then further sorted chronologically if necessary. More than one reference from the same author(s) in the same year must be identified by the letters 'a', 'b', 'c', etc., placed after the year of publication.

Examples:

Reference to a journal publication:

Van der Geer, J., Hanraads, J. A. J., & Lupton, R. A. (2010). The art of writing a scientific article. *Journal of Scientific Communications*, 51-59. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sc.2010.00372>.

Reference to a journal publication with an article number:

Van der Geer, J., Hanraads, J. A. J., & Lupton, R. A. (2018). The art of writing a scientific article. *Heliyon*, Article e00205. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2018.e00205>.

Reference to a book:

¹ Adapted mostly from *World Development*.



Strunk, W., Jr., & White, E. B. (2000). *The elements of style* (4th ed.). Longman (Chapter 4).

Reference to a chapter in an edited book:

Mettam, G. R., & Adams, L. B. (2009). How to prepare an electronic version of your article. In B. S. Jones, & R. Z. Smith (Eds.), *Introduction to the electronic age* (pp. 281-304). E-Publishing Inc.

Reference to a website:

Powertech Systems. (2015). Lithiumion vs lead-acid cost analysis. Retrieved from <http://www.powertechsystems.eu/home/tech-corner/lithium-ion-vs-lead-acid-cost-analysis/>. Accessed January 6, 2016.

Reference to a dataset:

[dataset] Oguro, M., Imahiro, S., Saito, S., & Nakashizuka, T. (2015). Mortality data for Japanese oak wilt disease and surrounding forest compositions. Mendeley Data, v1. <https://doi.org/10.17632/xwj98nb39r.1>.

Reference to a conference paper or poster presentation:

Engle, E.K., Cash, T.F., & Jarry, J.L. (2009, November). The Body Image Behaviours Inventory-3: Development and validation of the Body Image Compulsive Actions and Body Image Avoidance Scales. Poster session presentation at the meeting of the Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.