

EDITORS' NOTE/NOTA DE LOS EDITORES

Editorial note

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In this editorial note, the editors of *RHE-JILAEH* would like to pay special tribute to Pablo Martín-Aceña, who served as editor of this Journal for over eight years (1995–2003). His dedication and contributions were instrumental in shaping the growth and prestige of this publication. His passing in July 2024 is a profound loss to the academic community. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

We present key statistics and data on the Journal's evolution in 2024. [Figure 1](#) illustrates the trend in submitted articles since 2018. Notably, *RHE-JILAEH* received 57 original research papers in 2024. We have observed a significant recovery in article submissions over the past year, reaching levels comparable to those of the pre-pandemic period.

As of 2023, a plurality of articles (36%) dealt with Latin America. However, in 2024, there was an increase in submitted articles on global history, which accounted for 29% of the total submissions. Articles on Spanish and Portuguese economic history represented 27% of the total submitted articles ([Figure 2](#)).

In terms of the length of evaluation periods and Editors' acceptance or rejection decisions, we experienced some delays related to technical difficulties. We are working to resolve these difficulties.

According to the 2024 JCR Social Science Edition, the impact factor was lower than in the previous year (0.6). If we look at the evolution of the JIC index (which does not consider self-citations), the trend is much more favorable, standing at 1.3. We remained in Q1 in both the "History" and "History of Social Sciences" categories; however, we reverted to the Q4 category in "Economics". Regarding Scopus, the Journal had an impact factor of 2.1.

The editorial team will make every possible effort to improve the impact factors. We would like to thank the referees of *RHE-JILAEH* for their extraordinary collaboration. Their names are listed at the end of this editorial note.

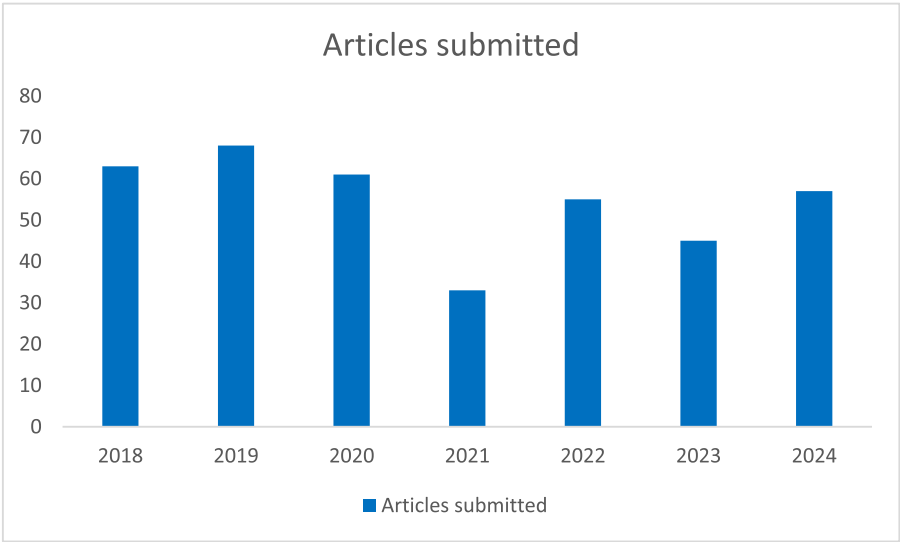


Figure 1. Number of original articles submitted to RHE-JILAEH, 2018–2024.

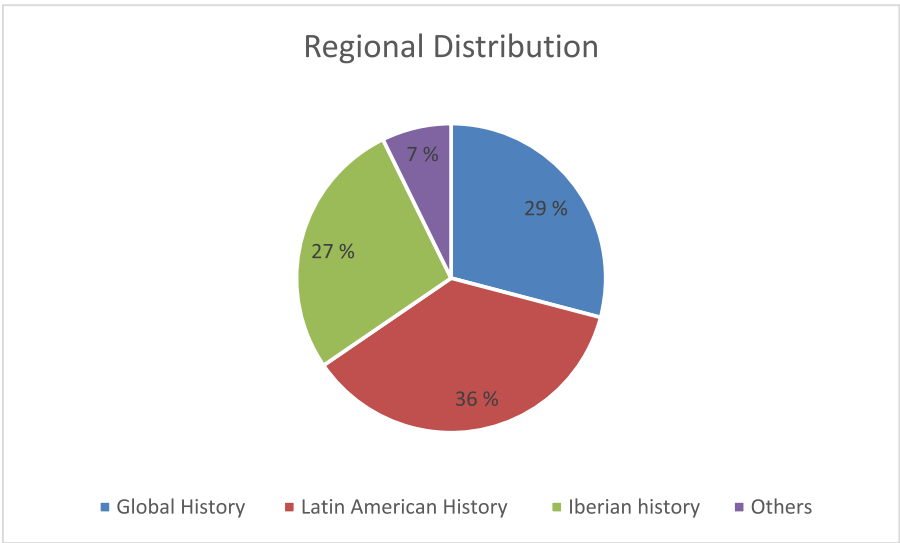


Figure 2. Regional distribution of topics; total submissions in 2024 (%).

Table 1. Geographical distribution and topics of articles in 2023

Regional distribution	2021	2022	2023	2024
Global History, %	29	18	20	29
Latin American, %	35	42	42	36
Iberian Peninsula, %	35	40	38	27
Other, %				7
Total	100	100	100	100

Table 2. Statistics for evaluation periods and the situation of original research papers during 2024

Length of evaluation process	2023-2024		2024	
	Total articles		Articles submitted in 2024	
Under 3 months	15	18%	13	24%
Between 3 and 4 months	7	8%	4	7%
Over 4 months	23	28%	4	7%
Under evaluation	38	46%	34	62%
Total	83	100%	55	100%

Results	2023-2024		2024	
	Total articles		Articles submitted in 2024	
Accepted	24	29%	4	7%
Peer Rejection	6	7%	4	7%
In process	19	23%	16	29%
Under evaluation	19	23%	18	33%
Editor's rejection	15	18%	13	24%
Total	83	100%	55	100%

Rejection rate				
Articles rejected (total)	25%			
Articles rejected (received during 2024)	31%			

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