

Call for Papers

Family and Consumer Responses to Crises in the Uncertain World

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The editors of [Review of Development Economics](#) (RDE) invite scholars to submit a full paper (or an initial extended abstract) for a special issue entitled “Family and Consumer Responses to Crises in the Uncertain World”. This special issue is based on (i) the papers presented at the 14th Biennial Conference of Asian Consumer and Family Economics Association (ACFEA), July 9-12, 2023, as well as (ii) papers submitted directly to *Review of Development Economics* (open call). The papers submitted to the open call can additionally focus on countries outside Asia.

The world now faces a great deal of uncertainty due to more than one crisis. While many people in developing countries still suffer from the middle-term direct and indirect effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have been severely influenced by inflation and surges in commodity prices. More generally, despite its advantages, globalization has made them more vulnerable because the adverse shocks in multiple aspects (e.g. trade, financial, health, price, resource, conflicts, and weather shocks) are transmitted very quickly. The adverse effects can persist long without appropriate family and consumer responses to these shocks. The crises are not necessarily restricted to contemporary ones. Large shocks in the past (e.g. the Asian financial crisis, war, famine) can have a prolonged effect on the current generation and the next generation without appropriate family response or government support.

We welcome submissions of papers providing rigorous empirical analysis on family decisions under a crisis (or crises) – broadly defined as above – on consumption expenditure, leisure, credit or savings, and labour allocation, including engagement in non-farm employment or domestic and international migrations. The papers could focus on family management, household division of labour and productivity, relationships between economic and non-economic decisions, and the interrelation of work and family life under uncertainty. We also welcome papers analysing the effects of crises on poverty and inequality (e.g. gender inequality) or those evaluating government interventions to mitigate the impact of the crisis at family or household levels.

Submission Guidelines

- Scholars are invited to submit extended abstracts (over / around 1000 words) – or full papers – by **31 August 2023**. Final papers should be submitted by **31 December 2023**.
- Submission prior to deadline is encouraged.
- All submissions must be original papers and should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. All manuscripts must comply with the author guidelines for [Review of Development Economics](#). There are no submission fees.
- Submission should be made through the journal's online system at: <https://wiley.atyponrex.com/journal/RODE>. When submitting your article, please select special issue "Family and Consumer Responses to Crises" when choosing submission type.
- All submissions will be subject to double-anonymized peer review and editorial processes following the policies of the RDE journal.
- Accepted papers will be published online first, and then they will be listed together in a journal issue once all of the special issue papers are published online.

Expected Timetable

- Submission of extended abstracts: 31 August 2023
- Announcement of selected authors: 30 September 2023
- Full manuscripts due: 31 December 2023
- Peer review: complete by September 2024 (after addressing the comments in the first round which is expected to complete by April 2024)
- Publication: by early 2025

Enquiries

We look forward to receiving your submission and are happy to answer any questions that you may have. For enquiries, you may directly contact Dr Katsushi Imai at Katsushi.Imai@manchester.ac.uk