



Inflation: Drivers, effects and trade-offs

Call for Conference Papers

ERSA is organising a two-day conference for academics, policymakers, central bankers and other experts to examine inflation, its drivers, costs, interaction with the fiscus, societal impact and policy options in Southern Africa.

The conference will include keynote addresses, a panel discussion and sessions presenting selected research/policy papers, including inflation research commissioned by ERSA at the beginning of 2024 (<https://econrsa.org/events/request-for-proposals-back-to-inflation/>). Participation from early career researchers interested in monetary, fiscal, and macroeconomic policy is encouraged. The following papers commissioned by ERSA will be presented: We invite you to come and join the conversation by submitting a conference paper

Topics of Interest

ERSA invites submissions of economic research papers (Academic Working Papers or Policy Papers¹) for the conference that offer insight into inflation and its dynamics. The conference should be viewed as an opportunity to test ideas and receive feedback to strengthen the research.

Topics to consider include:

Pure vs persistent inflation – fiscal policy and inflation – Inflation and trade, Industrial and competition policy - Climate change and monetary policy - food and other price shocks and pass-through – commodity sector, external factors and inflation – The Phillips Curve, nonlinearity and microfoundations – stagflation – labour conditions, firm and government behaviour, bargaining, administrative prices and other potential feedback loops – inflation and income distribution – inflation when consumers are more or less myopic – other relevant research.

Submission Details

For those interested in presenting their research or policy analysis, we invite you to submit a working paper.

Submission deadline: 15 January, 2024
Decisions communicated: 15 February, 2024
Submission link: [visit website](#)

Please note that travel and accommodation of presenters will be funded by ERSA.

Further Information

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¹ Policy Papers are standalone research reports based on an analysis of academic and grey literature and secondary data. Their aim is to propose policy options for a defined economic policy challenge or examine and articulate the risks and opportunities of current policy considerations and propose risk-mitigating and opportunity-capitalising options.