

Table 3  
Research Quality Ranking of 254 Heterodox and  
Mainstream Journals

JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>	1.279	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Economic Literature</i>	1.230	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Economic Growth</i>	0.885	A1	A2
<i>Journal of Political Economy</i>	0.843	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Financial Economics</i>	0.764	A1*	A1
<i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>	0.742	A1	A1
<i>Econometrica</i>	0.725	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Economic Geography</i>	0.669	A2	
<i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>	0.646	A1	
<i>Review of Economic Studies</i>	0.592	A1	A1
<i>American Economic Review</i>	0.554	A1	A1
<b><i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i></b>	<b>0.542</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A1</b>
<i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>	0.533	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Health Economics</i>	0.526	A1	A2
<i>Economic Geography</i>	0.525	A2	
<i>Brookings Papers of Economic Activity</i>	0.518	A2	A2
<b><i>Journal of Economic Issues</i></b>	<b>0.441</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>A2</b>
<i>Economic Policy</i>	0.422	A2	
<i>Economic Journal</i>	0.406	A1	
<i>Journal of International Economics</i>	0.403	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Monetary Economics</i>	0.402	A1	
<i>Journal of Labor Economics</i>	0.400	A1	A2
<i>Energy Economics</i>	0.400	A2	B3
<b><i>Journal of Post Keynesian Economics</i></b>	<b>0.393</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A1</b>
<i>Health Economics</i>	0.385	A2	B1
<i>Journal of Econometrics</i>	0.385	A1	A1
<b><i>Review of Radical Political Economics</i></b>	<b>0.380</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A2</b>
<i>Journal of Environmental Economics and Management</i>	0.378	A2	A2
<b><i>Economy and Society</i></b>	<b>0.352</b>	<b>A2*</b>	<b>B1</b>
<b><i>Development and Change</i></b>	<b>0.348</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B3</b>
<i>World Development</i>	0.342	A2	B1
<b><i>Review of Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.337</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A2</b>
<i>Rand Journal of Economics</i>	0.336	A1	A1
<b><i>Review of International Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.328</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>B4</b>
<i>Journal of Human Resources</i>	0.328	A1	A2
<i>World Bank Research Observer</i>	0.325	B*	B3
<i>Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis</i>	0.325	A2	

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JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<i>World Bank Economic Review</i>	0.322	A2	B1
<b><i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i></b>	<b>0.321</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A2</b>
<i>Journal of Risk and Uncertainty</i>	0.316	A1*	B1
<i>Journal of Public Economics</i>	0.312	A1	A1
<i>Industrial and Corporate Change</i>	0.307	A2*	A2
<b><i>International Labour Review</i></b>	<b>0.306</b>	<b>B*</b>	
<b><i>American Journal of Economics and Sociology</i></b>	<b>0.302</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b><i>Capital and Class</i></b>	<b>0.301</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>B3</b>
<i>Journal of Law and Economics</i>	0.301	A1	A2
<b><i>Metroeconomica</i></b>	<b>0.299</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B1</b>
<i>Journal of Business and Economic Statistics</i>	0.298	A1	A1
<i>Resource and Energy Economics</i>	0.298	A2	B2
<i>Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking</i>	0.296	A1	A1
<b><i>European Journal of the History of Economic Thought</i></b>	<b>0.296</b>	<b>A2</b>	
<b><i>Review of Social Economy</i></b>	<b>0.294</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B3</b>
<b><i>Journal of the History of Economic Thought</i></b>	<b>0.292</b>	<b>A2</b>	
<b><i>Science and Society</i></b>	<b>0.291</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>B3</b>
<b><i>Feminist Economics</i></b>	<b>0.290</b>	<b>B</b>	
<i>Journal of Applied Econometrics</i>	0.289	A1	A2
<b><i>Journal of Evolutionary Economics</i></b>	<b>0.288</b>	<b>A2</b>	
<i>Food Policy</i>	0.282	B*	
<b><i>Rethinking Marxism</i></b>	<b>0.282</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Journal of Law Economics and Organization</i>	0.279	A1	A2
<i>Experimental Economics</i>	0.275	A2	
<i>Energy Journal</i>	0.274	A2*	B1
<b><i>Journal of Development Studies</i></b>	<b>0.274</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>B1</b>
<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>	0.273	A1	A2
<i>China Economic Review</i>	0.270	B	
<i>Journal of Urban Economics</i>	0.270	A1	B1
<i>Journal of Industrial Economics</i>	0.266	A1	A2
<i>Journal of Economic Surveys</i>	0.263	A2	
<i>European Economic Review</i>	0.258	A1	A1
<b><i>Journal of Economic Methodology</i></b>	<b>0.255</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A1</b>
<b><i>History of Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.254</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A1</b>
<i>Economics and Human Biology</i>	0.253	B	B4
<i>Transform Business Economics</i>	0.251	—	
<i>Small Business Economics</i>	0.251	A2*	B3
<b><i>Structural Change and Economic Dynamics</i></b>	<b>0.250</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B1</b>
<b><i>International Review of Applied Economics</i></b>	<b>0.249</b>	<b>B</b>	

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JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<i>Land Economics</i>	0.249	A2	B1
<i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i>	0.248	A2*	B3
<b><i>Economics and Philosophy</i></b>	<b>0.247</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>B1</b>
<i>European Review of Agricultural Economics</i>	0.246	A2	B3
<b><i>International Journal of Social Economics</i></b>	<b>0.245</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B1</b>
<i>Mathematical Finance</i>	0.244	A1*	
<i>Journal of Policy Reform</i>	0.238	—	B2
<i>Game and Economic Behavior</i>	0.238	A1	A1
<b><i>Capitalism, Nature, Socialism</i></b>	<b>0.235</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b><i>International Journal of Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.234</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B3</b>
<i>International Journal of Forecasting</i>	0.234	A2	
<i>International Journal of Industrial Organization</i>	0.234	A2	
<i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i>	0.234	A2	B2
<i>Journal of Economics and Management Strategy</i>	0.233	A2	B1
<i>Insurance: Mathematics and Economics</i>	0.231	A2	
<i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>	0.230	A2	B1
<b><i>New Left Review</i></b>	<b>0.229</b>	<b>A2*</b>	
<i>Journal of Economic Theory</i>	0.228	A1	A1
<i>International Economic Review</i>	0.228	A1	A1
<i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	0.225	A1	B1
<i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>	0.224	A2*	B1
<i>Oxford Economic Papers</i>	0.223	A2	B1
<b><i>Contributions to Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.223</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B5</b>
<b><i>New Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.220</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>B2</b>
<i>Environmental and Resource Economics</i>	0.220	A2	B1
<b><i>Journal of Socio-Economics</i></b>	<b>0.219</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B5</b>
<b><i>Journal of Institutional Economics</i></b>	<b>0.217</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B4</b>
<i>Oxford Review of Economic Policy</i>	0.216	A2	B1
<b><i>Constitutional Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.215</b>	<b>B</b>	
<i>Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics</i>	0.215	A2	B1
<b><i>Antipode</i></b>	<b>0.212</b>	<b>A2*</b>	
<i>Scandinavian Journal of Economics</i>	0.211	A2	B1
<b><i>Review of Austrian Economics</i></b>	<b>0.210</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics</i>	0.206	A2	B3
<b><i>Historical Materialism</i></b>	<b>0.205</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Journal of Agrarian Change</i>	0.202	B	
<b><i>History of Economics Review</i></b>	<b>0.199</b>	<b>B</b>	
<i>Journal of European Economics Association</i>	0.199	A2	
<i>Econometric Theory</i>	0.198	A1	

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JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<i>Journal of Economic Psychology</i>	0.195	A2	B2
<i>Journal of Banking and Finance</i>	0.190	A1*	A2
<i>World Economics</i>	0.188	B	B2
<b><i>Journal of Income Distribution</i></b>	<b>0.188</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B4</b>
<i>Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	0.186	A2	B2
<b><i>Oxford Development Studies</i></b>	<b>0.185</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B2</b>
<b><i>Ecological Economics</i></b>	<b>0.184</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>B1</b>
<i>Labour Economics</i>	0.183	A2	B1
<i>Review of Economic Dynamics</i>	0.181	A2	A2
<i>Econometric Reviews</i>	0.179	A2	B2
<b><i>Cepal Review</i></b>	<b>0.177</b>	—	<b>B2</b>
<i>Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control</i>	0.174	A1	A2
<i>Economics of Transition</i>	0.172	A2	
<i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i>	0.172	A2	B2
<b><i>Studies in Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.170</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B4</b>
<i>Journal of Risk and Insurance</i>	0.170	A2*	
<i>Real Estate Economics</i>	0.169	A2	B2
<b><i>Review of African Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.168</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b><i>Revista de Economia Politca/Brazilian Journal of Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.167</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B2</b>
<i>Quantitative Marketing and Economics</i>	0.166	B	
<i>IMF Staff Papers</i>	0.165	C	B1
<i>Journal of Regional Science</i>	0.165	A2	B3
<i>Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies</i>	0.164	A2	B4
<i>Journal of Housing Economics</i>	0.163	B	B2
<b><i>Forum for Social Economics</i></b>	<b>0.163</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Economica</i>	0.162	A2	B1
<b><i>Econ Journal Watch</i></b>	<b>0.160</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Journal of Transport Economics and Policy</i>	0.160	A2	B2
<i>Futures</i>	0.158	B*	
<b><i>Economic Systems Research</i></b>	<b>0.158</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Journal of Population Economics</i>	0.155	A2	B1
<i>Quantitative Finance</i>	0.154	B*	B1
<i>Post-Soviet Affairs</i>	0.153	B*	
<i>Economics of Education Review</i>	0.151	A2	B1
<b><i>Journal of Australian Political Economy</i></b>	<b>0.150</b>	<b>B</b>	
<i>Journal of Productivity Analysis</i>	0.149	A2	B2
<i>Economic Inquiry</i>	0.148	A2	A2
<b><i>Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics</i></b>	<b>0.146</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Kyklos</i>	0.146	A2	

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JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<b>Critical Sociology</b>	<b>0.144</b>	<b>B*</b>	
<i>Journal of Regulatory Economics</i>	0.144	A2	B1
<i>Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics</i>	0.143	A2	
<i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i>	0.141	A2	A2
<i>Review of Agricultural Economics</i>	0.138	B	B1
<b>Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology</b>	<b>0.136</b>	<b>B</b>	
<i>Information Economics and Policy</i>	0.136	B*	B4
<b>Organization and Environment</b>	<b>0.135</b>	<b>C*</b>	
<i>International Tax and Public Finance</i>	0.134	B	
<i>Agricultural Economics</i>	0.134	A2	B2
<i>ASTIN Bulletin</i>	0.132	B*	
<b>Work, Employment and Society</b>	<b>0.132</b>	<b>A2*</b>	
<b>Advances in Austrian Economics</b>	<b>0.132</b>	—	
<i>Economic History Review</i>	0.130	A1	B2
<i>Economic Record</i>	0.130	A2	B3
<i>Public Choice</i>	0.129	A2	B1
<b>Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics</b>	<b>0.129</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B5</b>
<i>Journal of Economic History</i>	0.126	A2	B1
<i>Tijdschrift voor Economisch en Sociale Geografie</i>	0.123	B	
<b>International Journal of Green Economics</b>	<b>0.123</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Economic Theory</i>	0.123	A1	A1
<i>Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics</i>	0.120	B	
<i>Review of World Economics</i>	0.120	B	B1
<i>Journal of Policy Modeling</i>	0.120	B*	B3
<i>Review of Industrial Organization</i>	0.118	A2	
<b>Intervention: European Journal of Economics and Economic Policy</b>	<b>0.117</b>	<b>C</b>	
<i>Applied Economics</i>	0.114	A2	B1
<i>Journal of Forest Economics</i>	0.114	C	
<i>Review of Income and Wealth</i>	0.113	A2	B1
<i>Econometrics Journal</i>	0.110	A2	
<b>Review of Black Political Economy</b>	<b>0.109</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>B3</b>
<i>Explorations in Economic History</i>	0.108	A2	B1
<i>Fiscal Studies</i>	0.108	A2	
<i>Contemporary Economic Policy</i>	0.107	B*	B2
<i>Economic Development Quarterly</i>	0.107	B	B4
<i>Journal of Economics</i>	0.106	B	
<i>Macroeconomic Dynamics</i>	0.106	A2	A2
<i>Southern Economic Journal</i>	0.105	A2	B1

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JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<i>Journal of Macroeconomics</i>	0.103	A2	B3
<i>Emerging Markets Financial and Trade</i>	0.103	C	
<i>Journal of Japanese and International Economics</i>	0.103	A2	B2
<i>CESifo Economic Studies</i>	0.098	C	
<i>Economics Letters</i>	0.095	A2	A2
<i>Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	0.095	A2	
<i>Federal Reserve Bank St. Louis</i>	0.095	—	
<i>Europe-Asian Studies</i>	0.094	B*	
<i>Review of Development Economics</i>	0.093	B	
<i>Scottish Journal of Political Economy</i>	0.093	A2	B3
<i>Theory and Decision</i>	0.093	A2*	
<b><i>Critical Perspectives on International Business</i></b>	<b>0.093</b>	<b>C*</b>	
<i>Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics</i>	0.092	B	
<i>Social Choice and Welfare</i>	0.091	A2	A2
<i>Economic Modelling</i>	0.088	A2	B3
<b><i>Debatte</i></b>	<b>0.087</b>	<b>B*</b>	
<i>Defence and Peace Economics</i>	0.085	B	
<i>Journal of Mathematical Economics</i>	0.084	C	A2
<i>Journal of Media Economics</i>	0.084	B	B4
<i>National Tax Journal</i>	0.082	A1*	A2
<i>Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics</i>	0.080	A2	B3
<i>Journal of African Economics</i>	0.079	B	
<i>International Journal of Game Theory</i>	0.078	B	
<i>Manchester School</i>	0.076	B	B2
<i>International Review of Law and Economics</i>	0.072	A2	B3
<i>Geneva Risk Insurance Review</i>	0.068	B*	
<i>Japan Economic Review</i>	0.066	B	
<i>South African Journal of Economics</i>	0.065	B	
<i>Journal of Real Estate Research</i>	0.064	B*	
<i>Open Economies Review</i>	0.064	B	B4
<i>Australian Economic History Review</i>	0.062	A2	
<i>Empirical Economics</i>	0.062	B	B3
<i>China and World Economy</i>	0.061	C	
<i>Journal of Economic Policy Reform</i>	0.060	B	
<i>Applied Economics Letters</i>	0.058	B	B2
<i>Eastern European Economics</i>	0.057	B	B4
<i>Post-Communist Economies</i>	0.056	B	
<i>De Economist</i>	0.055	C	B4
<i>Finanzarchiv</i>	0.053	C*	

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JOURNAL	JQES	ARE	BRE
<i>Japan and the World Economy</i>	0.052	B	B2
<i>Portuguese Economic Journal</i>	0.049	C	
<i>Australian Economic Review</i>	0.048	B	
<i>Politicka Ekonomie</i>	0.048	B	
<i>Developing Economies</i>	0.047	B	B3
<i>Independent Review</i>	0.045	C	
<i>Journal of Economic Education</i>	0.043	B*	B2
<i>Spanish Economic Review</i>	0.037	B	
<i>Pacific Economic Review</i>	0.036	B	
<i>International Journal of Transport Economics</i>	0.034	C*	
<i>Journal of Applied Economics</i>	0.031	B	
<i>Revue d'Etudes Comparative Est-Quest</i>	0.028	B	
<i>Ekon CAS</i>	0.027	—	
<i>Desarrollo Economico</i>	0.026	B	
<i>Invest Econ-Spain</i>	0.025	—	
<i>Hitotsubashi Journal of Economics</i>	0.025	B	B4
<i>Trimestre Economico</i>	0.024	B	B3
<i>Jahrbuecher fuer Nationaloekonomie und Statistik</i>	0.021	B	
<i>South African Journal of Economics and Management Science</i>	0.017	C	
<i>Hacienda Publica Esp</i>	0.015	—	
<i>Invest Econ-Mex</i>	0.007	—	
<i>Ekonomiska Samfundets Tidskrift</i>	0.004	C	
<i>Revista de Economia Aplicada</i>	0.000	C	B2

JQES—journal quality-equality score—heterodox journals and their scores are in **bold**.

ARE—Australian Ranking Exercise—if denoted by an \* the journal does not have an economics classification.

BRE—Brazil Ranking Exercise.

Similarly, the research quality of the *JEI* is slightly above the *Economic Journal*, while the research quality of the *JPKE* is slightly below the *Journal of International Economics* and the *Journal of Monetary Economics* but above the *Journal of Econometrics*. Moreover, if the research quality of the top 25 mainstream journals is judged as excellent, then the research quality of the top four heterodox journals must *prima facie* also be judged as excellent. Finally, if the research quality of an individual mainstream journal is judged as excellent, then the research quality of a heterodox journal whose JQES is within, say,