Public Finance in the Era of the COVID-19 Crisis

CALL FOR PAPERS
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The theme of the 2021 congress is **Public Finance in the Era of the COVID-19 Crisis**. The coronavirus has created a public health crisis, triggered economic recessions, and created new challenges with respect to elementary education, female labor supply, the safety net, digitization, and raising tax revenue to fund necessary services.

Although many governments have enacted short term policies to combat the virus and the resulting economic downturn, the long-term consequences of the pandemic on low-income households, female participation in labor markets, and the implications for school aged children remains uncertain. These distributional consequences of the pandemic are important to understand the dynamics of inequality over the long term, along with the appropriate policy responses.

The pandemic has also created the need for additional sources of tax revenue to fund recovery efforts, including much discussion over the taxation of wealth. At the same time, rapid digitization of consumer purchases and the rise of telework create new challenges for tax systems. Within federations, the degree of decentralization of the policy responses remains a contentious area of debate.

Public health policies, labor and education policies, social policies, and tax policies are all relevant from a public finance point of view.

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