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Special Issue on
Understanding the role of the State in Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Scholarly and policy interest on the role of the state in shaping innovation and entrepreneurship has seen a considerable surge in the last decade. This is mainly motivated by the emergence of pressing societal challenges such as climate change, poverty and health emergencies, but also by the opportunities offered by new general-purpose technologies such as artificial intelligence, and the realization that the public sector can be an innovative and entrepreneurial actor in its own right.

While a more active and entrepreneurial role of the state has been called for in order to solve these challenges and facilitate the new generation of innovations, the rationales, roles and multiple mechanisms to do so are not fully understood.

Within the design and evaluation of innovation and industrial policy in general, and taking into account public budgetary restrictions and accountability, critical new insights able to shed light on the changing nature of the state in innovation and entrepreneurship are required.

We are pleased to announce the call for papers on “Understanding the role of the State in Innovation and Entrepreneurship” for a Special Issue of Hacienda Pública Española/Review of Public Economics. Both empirical and theoretical papers are welcome, and also state-of-the-art reviews. Contributions must deal with public policies for fostering innovation and/or entrepreneurship in the economy. Specific topics may include, but are not restricted to:

- Public-private collaboration
- Demand side policies (regulation, standards, public procurement)
- Digitalization of the economy
- Mission oriented policies (green new deal, sustainability, pandemics)
- Changing rationales on innovation and industrial policy resulting from Covid-19 and other shocks

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Submission instructions

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