

Policy Matters



Your weekly digest of policy reports that matter.
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Claudia Goldin's Nobel

- Claudia Goldin was awarded the Nobel Prize for economics, the first woman to win it outright. A fantastic, illustrated [summary of her work](#) has been posted by Alice Evans, Visiting Professor at University of Toronto
- Goldin's latest paper, [Why Women Won](#), has just been released. It highlights the factors that drove progress on women's rights between 1963 and 1973.

Australia's voice referendum: The noes won it. Ahead of polling, James Kanagasooriam used data to [correctly forecast](#) why.

Social media

- Fly traps. When it comes to social media, we know it's all about network effects, stickiness, you being the product, etcetera, but a [new paper](#) from University of Chicago suggests that once a platform reaches number one, its effect on non-users is negative, because they feel socially excluded. So, like flies being lured toward a trap, they join—but not because they want to.

Publishing and impact

- If you want to have an impact on policy, don't publish in journals; post your work as grey literature. That's the [conclusion of an analysis of citations in Swedish government reports](#). (And we can't but agree!)
- However, if you want to make a splash among your academic peers, tweeting (or is it now Xing?) boosts impact. A [new CEPR/VoxEU post](#) finds that promoting journal articles on Twitter/X can boost citations by twenty percent.

Post-pandemic savings and debt

- According to FRBNY's blog Liberty Street Economics (yes, we're now indexing blogs), [pandemic savings are being spent down only by Americans](#); elsewhere citizens are saving more than in pre-pandemic days.
- Meanwhile, according to [this policy brief](#) on the new [Debt Service Watch database](#), citizens of the Global South now face the worst debt crisis since global records began.

Other titles that caught our eye:

- [Global Hunger Index 2023](#)
- [Flourishing Children, Healthy Communities, and a Stronger Nation: The U.S. Early Years Climate Action Plan](#)
- [The Dirty Truth About Utility Climate Pledges 2023 Report](#)
- [Global Girlhood Report 2023: Girls at the Centre of the Storm: Her planet, her future, her solutions](#)
- [Redefining Artificial Intelligence: How IP practice meets the coming wave](#)
- [Why are the latest UK net migration figures not a reliable guide to future trends?](#)

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Call for inquiries and commissions

Last week we called for suggestions of Inquiries and Commissions. Thank you, Vilde Blichfeldt Stranger, for recommending that we look at Truth and Reconciliation Commissions recently set up by Nordic countries, including [Finland](#) and [Norway](#). We need help to find more. Please [let us know](#) about important Inquiries and Commissions in your country, whether old or current.

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