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EBES - Eurasia Business and Economics Society



EBES is a scholarly association for scholars worldwide engaged in the practice and study of economics, finance, and business. EBES was founded in 2008 with the purpose of not only promoting academic research in business and economics but also encouraging the intellectual development of scholars. Despite the term “Eurasia”, the scope should be understood in its broadest term as having a global emphasis.

EBES aims to bring together researchers and professionals worldwide by organizing conferences and publishing academic journals, and to increase knowledge in economics, finance, and business through academic discussions. Any scholar or professional interested in economics, finance, and business is welcome to attend EBES conferences. Since our first conference in 2009, around *22,009* colleagues from *102* countries have joined our conferences, and *11,595* academic papers have been presented. EBES has reached *3,807* members from *87* countries.

Since 2011, EBES has been publishing two journals. One of those journals, **Eurasian Business Review** (EABR), is in the fields of industrial organization, innovation, and management science, and the other, Eurasian Economic Review (EAER), is in the fields of applied macroeconomics and finance. Both journals are published quarterly by **Springer** and indexed in **Scopus**. In addition, EAER is indexed in the **Emerging Sources Citation Index** (Clarivate Analytics), and EABR is indexed in the **Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)**. EABR’s 2025 CiteScore is 6.9 (Q1) & 2025 JCR IF is 4.4 (Q1). EAER’s 2025 CiteScore is 5.1 (Q1) & 2025 JCR IF 2025 is 3.6 (Q1).

Furthermore, since 2014, Springer has started to publish a new conference proceedings series (***Eurasian Studies in Business and Economics***), which includes selected papers from the EBES conferences. The series has been indexed by **SCOPUS**. In addition, the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th, 28th, 29th (Vol. 1), 30th, 33rd, and 34th EBES Conference Proceedings have already been accepted for inclusion in the ***Conference Proceedings Citation Index - Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH).*** Other conference proceedings are in progress.

On behalf of all EBES officers, I sincerely thank you for your past support. We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming conferences. We very much welcome your comments and suggestions to improve our future events. Our success is only possible with your valuable feedback and support!

I hope you enjoy the conference!

With my very best wishes,

Klaus F. ZIMMERMANN
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Welcome to the 56th EBES Conference



We are excited to organize our *56th EBES Conference*, to be held on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2026, in Istanbul, Türkiye. The conference is hosted by *Istanbul Ticaret University* with the support of the Istanbul Economic Research Association. The conference will be hybrid (with two days in person), allowing participants to join the conference in person or virtually.

We are honored to have received top-tier papers from distinguished scholars worldwide. We regret that we were unable to accept more papers. 180 papers will be presented, and 379 colleagues from 57 countries will attend the conference. We are pleased to announce that the conference programme will feature the EBES Fellow Speech by **Helene Rey** from London Business School, UK, entitled "*Exorbitant Privilege and Exorbitant Duty*," followed by the Best Paper Award Ceremony and the Meet the Editors Session, moderated by **Klaus F. Zimmermann**, with **Arman Eshraghi**, Editor-in-Chief of the Global Finance Journal, and **Oskar Kowalewski**, Editor-in-Chief of the International Review of Financial Analysis.

Throughout the years, EBES conferences have been an intellectual hub for academic discussion. Participants have found it an excellent opportunity to present new research, exchange information, and discuss current issues. We believe our future conferences will further improve knowledge development in our fields. In addition, based on the paper's contribution to the field, the *EBES Award Committee* has selected one of the papers for the *John P. Rust Best Paper Award* sponsored by *Springer Nature*. The *Best Paper Award* winner will be announced during the conference.

On behalf of EBES, I would like to thank all presenters, participants, board members, and keynote speakers. I am looking forward to meeting you at the conference and seeing you all again at the upcoming EBES conferences.

Best regards,

Ender Demir, PhD
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- **The Springer's series Eurasian Studies in Business and Economics**. The series is indexed in Scopus. It will also be sent to Clarivate Analytics in order to be reviewed for coverage in its **Conference Proceedings Citation Index - Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH)**. Please note that the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th, 28th, 29th (Vol. 1), 30th, 33rd, and 34th EBES Conference Proceedings are accepted for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index - Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH). The subsequent conference proceedings are in progress. There is no submission or publication fee for Eurasian Studies in Business and Economics.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JULY 2 (DAY 1)

WELCOME SPEECHES: 08:30-09:00

Room: Main Room & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

Mehmet Huseyin Bilgin, Vice President, *EBES*, Türkiye

Serkan Çankaya, *Istanbul Ticaret University,* Türkiye

Klaus F. Zimmermann, President, *EBES & GLO & UNU-MERIT*, The Netherlands & *Free University Berlin*, Germany

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DAY 1 - SESSION I: 09:00-11:00

EMPIRICAL STUDIES IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE I

Chair & Discussant: Mariya Gubareva, ISEG Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
Room: 301 & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

Optimum Currency Area and Convergence Criteria: Empirical Evidence from Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Countries
Dina Rofael, IDSC Egyptian Cabinet, Egypt and Taghreed Hassouba, Cairo University, Egypt

Geopolitical Shocks and Sovereign Risk in Europe: A Multi-Scale Factor Analysis
Hasan Isomitdinov, University of Alabama, U.S.A. and Gabriel Michael, University of Alabama, U.S.A.

Cascading Effects of Tariffs in Silicon-Chip Production Networks
Lucas Gaevoy, Westminster School, U.K.

Anatomy of Chinese foreign-owned firms. Evidence from Italy
Luigi Benfratello, Politecnico di Torino, Italy and Wang Guangchao, Politecnico di Torino, Italy

Linear and Non-linear IV-unit in the Context of Least Squares, Maximum Likelihood and Generalized Method of Moments: Consistency, Asymptotic Normality and Generalization to the Case of a Multivalued Discrete Endogenous Variable
Pavel Bystrov, Moscow State University, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Disappeared During October 2025 Crypto Crash: Herding in Centralized and Decentralized Exchanges
Shoaib Ali, Adnan Kassar School of Business, Lebanon; Jinxin Cui, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China; **Mariya Gubareva,** ISEG Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal; and Tamara Teplova, NRU Higher School of Economics, Russia

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT I

Chair & Discussant: Efi Vasileiou, Burgundy School of Business, France
Room: 302 & Z-Room 2 (in-person)

A Redundancy-aware Framework for Economic Performance Evaluation: Evidence From OECD Countries
Mert Ünal, Galatasaray University,Türkiye and Mehtap Dursun, Galatasaray University, Türkiye

Ranking or Counting Universities? Evidence from Comparative Dataset Analysis
Murat Donduran, Yildiz Teknik University, Türkiye and **Sinan Yildiz,** Yildiz Teknik University, Türkiye

Beyond Automation: AI-Driven Financial Optimization in Emerging Economies
Kishan Nigam, IILM University, India

Strategic Priorities in Medical Services: A Grey Clustering Analysis of Healthcare Capacity, Access and Outcomes in the European Union
Livia Cristina Iliescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania and **Camelia Delcea,** Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

The Institutional Roots of Growth Resilience
Jean P. Sepúlveda, Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile

Energy Communities in Marginalized Areas: Their Role and Importance in the Regional Energy Transition in Poland
Grzegorz Masloch, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

ACCOUNTING & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE I

Chair & Discussant: Haiwei Chen, University of Alaska Fairbanks, U.S.A.
Room: 303 & Z-Room 3 (in-person)

Can Technological Advancements Foster Corporate Integrity? Evidence from AI Adoption and Violations
Muhammad Abubakr Naeem, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; **Nadia Arfaoui,** IDRAC Business School, France; Faten Chibani, RED Laboratory, ESSAT Private, France; and Manjot Bhussar, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, U.S.A.

ESG Performance and Financial Reporting Quality: Comparative Evidence from Renewable and Conventional Energy Firms
Sanaz Nafisa, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; Başak Erdem Çankaya, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; and Elif Güneren Genç, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye

What Are the Values Being Taught in Accounting Education/Training? The Perspective of Final Year Students (FYSs) and Early Career Professionals (ECPs)
Chandres Tejura, Queen Mary University of London, U.K.; Gherardo Girard, Queen Mary University of London, U.K.; and Sean McCartney, Queen Mary University of London, U.K.

Climate Risk Assessment and Financial Modeling for Sustainable Enterprises
Ekta Saraswat, IILM University, India

Reviewing Prospective Financial Statements with Machine Learning
Alessio Mengoni, University of Pisa, Italy and Francesco Dainelli, University of Florence, Italy

COFFEE BREAK: 11:00-11:15

DAY 1 - SESSION II: 11:15-13:15

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT II

Chair & Discussant: Laura Marsiliani, Durham University, U.K.
Room: 301 & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

An IFCM-Based Analysis of Macroeconomic Indicators Affecting Economic Performance
Mert Ünal, Galatasaray University, Türkiye and Mehtap Dursun, Galatasaray University, Türkiye

Do Cultural Values Shape Sustainable Food Consumption? A Cross-Country Analysis About Legumes Consumption
Efi Vasileiou, Burgundy School of Business, France and Lara Agnoli, Burgundy School of Business, France

Determinants of the Tax Burden: A Fuzzy-Set QCA and Clustering Analysis of Cross-Country Patterns
Ayşe Tosun, Hacettepe University, Türkiye

Digital Economy Policies in Russia: Implications for Growth and Productivity
Vladislava Igorevna Noga, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba, Russia and Han-Sol Lee, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba, Russia

Automation, Industrial Transformation and Labor Market Outcomes in European Manufacturing
Corina Ioanas, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania; Gabriel Dumitrescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania; Dana Teodorescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania; and Gratiela Chelu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

EMPIRICAL STUDIES IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE II

Chair & Discussant: Andrey Berezin, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia
Room: 302 & Z-Room 2 (in-person)

Scrolling & Discounting: Social Media and Time Preferences in Rural China
Vanessa Berghoff, University of Bonn, Germany; Yuxin Zhu, University of Bonn, Germany; and Daniel Hermann, University of Bonn, Germany

Early Warning Systems for Exchange Rate and Recession Crises in Egypt: An Empirical Analysis
Sahar Mohamed Abdel-Haleim, The British University in Egypt, Egypt and **Dina Rofael**, IDSC Egyptian Cabinet, Egypt

Does Governance Moderate the Crime-Enhancing Effect of International Tourist Arrivals? A Spatial Analysis of Human Trafficking in ASEAN
Nur Aini Agustin, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia and Rimawan Pradiptyo, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

Assessing Sustainability in Rural Tourism: Development and Application of Multidimensional Indicators in Portuguese Rural Accommodation
Anabela Dinis, University of Beira Interior /NECE - Research Centre for Business Sciences, Portugal and Mariana Carvalho, University of Beira Interior, Portugal

Clean Air and Household Welfare: A Reappraisal of China's Winter Clean Heating Policy
Ningcheng Cao, Hong Kong Baptist University, China

Assessing Energy Sufficiency Practices: Implications for the Lithuanian Economy
Rimantė Balsiūnaitė, LEI - Laboratory of Energy Systems Research, Lithuania

MANAGEMENT I

Chair & Discussant: Muhammad Tabish, Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Pakistan
Room: 303 & Z-Room 3 (in-person)

Forward-Reverse Logistics: A Metaheuristic Approach for the Fleet Size and Mix Vehicle Routing Problem with Backhauls
Niaz Wassan, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Economic Prioritization of Supply Chain Resilience Strategies: Evidence From Construction Projects Using AHP
Sevda Moradi, University of Tehran, Iran and **Ehsan Saghatforoush,** University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Academic Resources, Teaching Activities, and Educational Assessment as Determinants of Students' Perceived Teaching Quality: Evidence from Chinese Universities
Amin Jan, Wenzhou-Kean University China, China and Gengle Zheng, Wenzhou-Kean University China, China

Multi-dimensional Framework for Assessing the Effectiveness of Risk Management for Suppliers of IT products
Ekaterina Dudkina, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Russia

Problems with Strategic Alliance Governance: A Knowledge Management Perspective
Parijat Lanke, Indian Institute of Management Sirmaur, India

The Road to Success Begins From Effective Implementation: Navigating Strategic Decisions in GCC Healthcare
Said Elbanna, Qatar University, Qatar

LUNCH BREAK: 13:15-14:00

DAY 1 - SESSION III: 14:00-16:00

BANKING

Chair & Discussant: Jean P. Sepúlveda, Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile
Room: 301 & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

How AI is Reshaping the Banking Industry. Recent Trends in the Banking Sector
Zbigniew Korzeb, Bialystok University of Technology, Poland; Danuta Szpilko, Bialystok University of Technology, Poland; Filippo Pietro, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Spain; and Renata Karkowska, Warsaw University, Poland

Assessment of the Financial Stability of the Banking Systems of Russia and the United Arab Emirates in the Current Conditions
Oksana V. Savchina, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba, Russia and Olga Savchina, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba, Russia

The Solvency Illusion in Banking Systems: Evidence from Stress-Adjusted Capital Measures in Lebanese Banks
Insaf Walid Karbajha, Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon

Digital Transformation, IT Governance, and Decision Support Systems in Banking: A Dynamic Enterprise Asset Intelligence Framework
Serkan Çankaya, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; Mehmet Özgür Yaran, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; İlker Köse, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; **Cemile Bezeklioğlu**, Turk Ticaret Bank, Türkiye; Can Şahintaş, Turk Ticaret Bank, Türkiye; and Çağıl Erser, Turk Ticaret Bank, Türkiye

Tracking Ostensibility within Islamic Banking Practices: A Thematic Analysis
Islam Kamal, Arab Open University, Egypt

BEHAVIORAL FINANCE & INVESTMENT I

Chair & Discussant: Nadia Arfaoui, IDRAC Business School, France
Room: 302 & Z-Room 2 (in-person)

Behavioral Anomalies in Borsa Istanbul
Yigit Atilgan, Sabanci University, Türkiye and **Aynur Dilan Tosun,** Kadir Has University, Türkiye

Price Discovery and Market Overreaction around Circuit-Breaker
Ajay Kumar Mishra, IIT Kharagpur, India

The Allure of Infrastructure Sectors: Return, Diversification, and a Hedge Against Inflation and Stock Market Turmoil
Haiwei Chen, University of Alaska Fairbanks, U.S.A.; Kimberly McGinnis, University of Alaska Fairbanks, U.S.A.; and Alba Ruth Prato, University of Alaska Fairbanks, U.S.A.

Do Saudi Listed REITs Exhibit Time-Varying Risk Premia? Interest Rates, Oil Risk, and Regime Dependence
Andrey Berezin, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia and Hesham Jamil Merdad, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Green Investment and Kantian Morality
Laura Marsiliani, Durham University, U.K.; Lucy Naga, Heriot-Watt University, U.K.; Thomas Renstrom, Durham University, U.K.; and Luca Spataro, University of Pisa, Italy

MANAGEMENT II

Chair & Discussant: Niaz Wassan, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman
Room: 303 & Z-Room 3 (in-person)

Building SME Expansion Capabilities Through Business Network Socialisation: The Mediating Role of Entrepreneurial Knowledge
Gintarė Leckė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania and Renata Legenzova, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Overcoming Operational Silos via Systems Integration: Digital Transformation and Value Creation in SME Supply Chain Logistics
Nassir Ibrahim, Birmingham City University, U.K.

Gender Disparities in the Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness
Vladimir Kotomin, Illinois State University, U.S.A. and Ruby Morr, University of Illinois Chicago, U.S.A.

Digital Transformation as a Development Factor for Agro-industrial Complex Sectors
Alma Baiguzhinova, Sarsen Amanzholov East Kazakhstan University, Kazakhstan; Lyailya Akhmetova, Sarsen Amanzholov East Kazakhstan University, Kazakhstan; and Yerzhan Domalatov, Sarsen Amanzholov East Kazakhstan University, Kazakhstan

Uncertainty-Oriented Decision Gating for SME Guarantee Default Screening: A Three-Way Decision Approach
Mousa Albashrawi, KFUPM, Saudi Arabia and Mohamed Hosny, KFUPM, Saudi Arabia

Digital Circular Economy Practices and Waste Management Performance in Construction and Demolition Firms: Evidence from the UAE
Vikas Swarnakar, College of Business and Economics, U.A.E.; Haya Suliman, College of Business and Economics, U.A.E.; Abdul Rauf, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; Hafiz Muhammad Usman Khizar, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; Arun Arora, Lloyd Business School, India; and Malik Khalfan, Khalifa University of Science and Technology, U.A.E.

COFFEE BREAK: 16:00-16:15

EBES FELLOW SPEECH: 16:15-17:00
Exorbitant Privilege and Exorbitant Duty

Room: Main Room & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

Moderator: Klaus F. Zimmermann, *EBES & GLO*, Germany

Speaker: Helene Rey, *London Business* School, UK

BEST PAPER AWARD CEREMONY: 17:00-17:10

Room: Main Room & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

Presented by: Ender Demir, *Reykjavik University*, Iceland

Meet the Editors Session: 17:10-18:00

Room: Main Room & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

Moderator: Klaus F. Zimmermann, *Editor-in-Chief,* Journal of Population Economics (SSCI)

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FRIDAY, JULY 3 (DAY 2)

DAY 2 - SESSION I: 09:00-11:00

ECONOMICS OF INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Chair & Discussant: Anabela Dinis, University of Beira Interior /NECE - Research Centre for Business Sciences, Portugal
Room: 301 & Z-Room 1 (in-person)

Does Publicly Funded Research Make Firms Live Longer? A Firm-survival Analysis
Chris Dimos, University of Bath, U.K.

What Drives Defence Industry Development? Revisiting the Role of Defence Expenditure, R&D, and Human Capital
Nur Surayya Mohd Saudi, NDUM, Malaysia; Rahim Ridzuan, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia; Rogis Baker, NDUM, Malaysia; and Haliza Zahar, NDUM, Malaysia

Comparative Analysis of Creative Industry Branding Strategies in Central Asian Countries: Implications for Investment and Regional Integration
Gulzhakhan Khajıyeva, Turan University, Kazakhstan and **Zhaniya Jumadildayeva,** Turan University, Kazakhstan

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Nihal Bayraktar, Penn State University, U.S.A.

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Naveed Yasin, Abu Dhabi School of Management, U.A.E.; Marc Poulin, Abu Dhabi School of Management, U.A.E.; and Marc Audi, Abu Dhabi School of Management, U.A.E.

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Abdullah AL-Mutairi, International University of Science & Technology in Kuwait, Kuwait; Kamal Naser, International University of Science & Technology in Kuwait, Kuwait; Fatema Fayez, Arab Open University- Kuwait branch, Kuwait

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Fengqin Freya Chen, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China; Yuan Huang, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong; and **Walid Saffar,** Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

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Santiago Kopoboru, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain; Rocio Aguilar-Caro, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain; and Gloria Cuevas-Rodriguez, Universidad de Cádiz, Spain

Derivative Usage and Capital Structure Adjustment under Time-Varying Volatility
Edson Vengesai, Durban University of Technology, South Africa

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Nasruzzaman Naeem, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye and Serkan Çankaya, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye

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Livia Cristina Iliescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania and **Liviu-Adrian Cotfas,** Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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Jana Abou Hjaily, University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A. and Mardoche Ayitchehou, University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A.

The Making of Resting College Graduates: Early Labor-Market Settlement Failure among Korean Youth
Jong Woo Choi, Seoul National University, South Korea and Jae Eun You, Soongsil University, South Korea

European Aid, Employment, and Policy Innovation: Evidence from Egypt's Experience in the Mediterranean Region
Bader Lafi Almutairi, International University of Science & Technology in Kuwait, Kuwait; Kamal Naser, Wazin International Investment Consulting Company, Kuwait; **Abdullah Almutairi,** International University of Science & Technology in Kuwait, Kuwait; Dina Naser, Durham University, U.K.; and Hani Naser, Grant Thornton, U.K.

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Ana-Maria Marcu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania and Răzvan Vasile, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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Siti Hudaiyah, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K. and **Rasinina Aulia Rahman,** The University of Edinburgh, U.K.

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Adam Csapai, Bratislava University of Economics and Business, Slovakia; Klaus Weyerstrass, Vienna Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria; and Hannes Zenz, Vienna Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

Mapping Smart Cities: A Global Analysis of Economic Performance and Urban Typologies
Alin-Cristian Maricut, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania and Giani Ionel Grădinaru, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Public Political Rhetoric and Legislative Decisions on Migration: The Case of Poland (2015–2025)
Karolina Zuzanna Skorupska, Poznań University of Economics and Business, Poland and Beata Stępień, Poznań University of Economics and Business, Poland

Kantian Morality and Optimal Second-Best Commodity Taxation
Laura Marsiliani, Durham University, U.K.; Lucy Naga, Heriot-Watt University, U.K.; and **Thomas Renstrom,** Durham University, U.K.

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Gökhan Karahan, University of Alaska Anchorage, U.S.A. and Richard Clayton Trotter, University of Alaska Anchorage, U.S.A.

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Muhammad Tabish, Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Pakistan

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Irina I. Staroverova, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia and Vitally I. Cherenkov, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia

AI: The gamification of Everything and Dreams of Singularity
Milan Todorovic, London Metropolitan University, U.K.

When Demand Becomes Essential: A Direct Utility Model for Desperate Consumer
Jaehwan Kim, Korea University, South Korea

Compensatory Tourism Behavior after COVID-19: Loss of Japanese Tourism Syndrome, Destination Image, and Travel Preference among Taiwanese Travelers
Hsin Hung Lin, Tzu Chi University, Taiwan

Selected Aspects of Phygital Commerce in Grocery Chains as an Example of Blurring Spatial Boundaries
Agnieszka Budziewicz-Guźlecka, Uniwersytet Szczeciński, Poland and Mariusz Woźniakowski, University of Lodz, Poland

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Li Chen, Fayetteville State University, U.S.A.

Omnichannel Marketing and Luxury Consumption: Building the Customer Experience
Amanda Figueiredo, ISAG – EBS, Portugal and **Victor Tavares,** ISAG – EBS, Portugal

Influence of Delivery Experience on Consumer Willingness to Pay Premium Prices in Indonesian E-Commerce: A Conceptual Model Integrating Expectation Confirmation, Price Tolerance, and Cultural Dimensions Theories
Johan Setiawan, Universitas Multimedia Nusantara, Indonesia; Idris Gautama So, Binus University, Indonesia; Primidya Kartika Miranda Soesilo, Binus University, Indonesia; and Viany Utami Tjhin, Binus University, Indonesia

Organizational Agility and Resilience: Exploring New Perspectives in an Evolving Context
Samah Chemli Horchani, Tunis El-Manar University, FSEGT, Tunisia and Mahmoud Zouaoui, Business School of Tunis, Compus La Manouba, Tunisia

Social Sustainability in SMEs: Bridging Measurement Gaps and Sustainability Transitions
Emanuela Conti, University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Italy and **Flavia Pallucca,** Università degli studi Carlo Bo, Italy

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Malgorzata Kaczmarek, Poznan University of Technology, Poland and Hanna Włodarkiewicz-Klimek, Poznan University of Technology, Poland

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Enhancing Tax Compliance Behavior Through Tax Knowledge and Digital Literacy: Evidence From Thailand
Pattrajirt Sangsawang, Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand

Competency Requirements for Professional Accountants in Sustainability Reporting: A Thematic Literature Analysis
Ana Novak, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Nikolina Dečman, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Katarina Žager, University of Zagreb, Croatia; and Ivana Barišić, University of Zagreb, Croatia

ESG and Firm Performance
K. F. Ben Wong, University of the West of England, U.K.

From Literature to Practice: Evidence of Lobbying Through Comment Letters in the EFRAG's ESRS Consultation
Cristiana Ribeiro, University of Aveiro, Portugal and Cecília Carmo, GOVCOPP (Research Unit on Governance, Competitiveness and Public Policies), Portugal

Is DeepSeek a Good Alternative to ChatGPT in ESG-Related Tests and Tasks? The Preliminary Evidence
Wei Gao, Widener University, U.S.A. and Ming Ju, Louisiana Tech University, U.S.A.

From 'Dirty Nickel' to Green Markets: How Consumer Awareness Drives ESG Evidence Thresholds in Indonesia's Nickel Supply Chain
Santa Laetitia Nusa Putri, Central South University, China; Sunarso, Central South University, China; and Leiting Shen, Mercu Buana University, Indonesia

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Discussant: Conrado Diego García, University of Valladolid, Spain
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Magdalena Kapela, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland

The Plough and Homophobia
Gautam Hazarika, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, U.S.A.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Employment and Turnover in the Outsourced Facility Service Sector in the EU
Eva Stopajnik, TU Wien (Vienna), Austria and Alexander Redlein, TU Wien (Vienna), Austria

Skills Shortages and the Green Transition: Perceptions of European SMEs
Ljiljana Božić, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia and Valerija Botric, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

Population Ageing and Pension Sustainability: A Stochastic Demographic Approach for Malaysia
Syazreen Niza Shair, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia; Nor N Atasha Alia Nor Azman, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia; Nur Hanis Izzati Mohd Nazri, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia; Ainul Mardhiah Khali Aziz, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia; and Afiqah Hani Adi Affandi, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia

From Rhetoric to Recognition: Gender Roles and Fertility Decline in Turkey
Gul Ertan Ozguzer, Izmir University of Economics, Türkiye

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Vedran Kojić, University of Zagreb, Croatia and Margareta Gardijan Kedžo, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Does Environmental Transparency Penalize Borrowers? The "Transparency Penalty Effect" in China's Credit Market
Zihan Chen, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China

AI Adoption and Corporate Investment Efficiency
Zile Liao, China

Exploring and Developing an Initial Digital Government Quality (DigiGOVQUAL) Model through Exploratory Factor Analysis: Evidence from an Indonesian Urban Context
Ahmad Fuad Rosyiful Aqli, Telkom University, Indonesia and Refi Rifaldi Windya Giri, Telkom University, Indonesia

Financial Development and Earnings Management in the European Union: Evidence from Old and New Member States
Ivan Galek, University of Rijeka, Croatia and Josip Čičak, University of Rijeka, Croatia

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Chair: Mehmet Huseyin Bilgin, EBES, Türkiye
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The Effects of Foreign Player, Team Image, and Fan Behavior on Taiwan's Baseball Industry Development: The Case Study of the Chinese Professional Baseball League (CPBL)
Conan Da-Yi Chen, Kang Chiao International School, Taiwan and **Hung-You Chen,** National Chin-Yi University of Technology, Taiwan

Platform Differentiation and Brand Strategy: How International Beauty Brands Navigate China's Multi-Platform Social Media Ecosystem
Jiaye Han, Spain

A Comparative Study of How Consumers Perceive Attention, Authenticity, Trust, and Purchase Intention across Human-Made and AI-Made Food Advertisements
Chih-Ming Tsai, National Chin-Yi University of Technology, Taiwan and Kai-Chen Fan, Appleby College, Canada

Persuasive Digital Interfaces and Consumer Purchase Intention: The Role of Cognitive Biases in Online Retail Environments
Samaira Sharda, Jayshree Periwal International School, India

Examines the Mediating Influence of Organic Tea Packaging on Organic Tea Purchase Intention Driven by Personal Image and Sustainable Consumption
Kah Weng Ng, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia; Woo Kok Hoong, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia; Wan Rozima Binti Mior Ahmed Shahimi, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia; Kam Hoe Oon, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia; Chong Heng Lim, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia; and Chuan Chew Foo, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia

MANAGEMENT III

Chair: Milan Todorovic, London Metropolitan University, U.K.
Discussant: Imtiaz Badshah, Østfold University College, Norway
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I Ketut Gunarta, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia; **Abdul Halim,** Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia; and Suparno Suparno, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia

Assessing the Maturity of Logistics Processes for Circular Economy Implementation: Evidence from a Systematic Literature Review
Jhonatan David Jiménez Durán, University of Medellín, Colombia and Jose Alejandro Cano, University of Medellín, Colombia

Explaining the International Performance of Born Global Companies: Configurations and Mechanisms
Alexey Sikachev, HSE University, Russia

The Effect of Learning Needs, Attitude, Academic Pressure, Time Management, and Past Experience on AI Tools Use Behavior
Jie-An Kuan, The Primacy Collegiate Academy, Taiwan and Chih-Ming Tsai, National Chin-Yi University of Technology, Taiwan

Prioritizing Strategic Capabilities in Achieving Resilience-Efficiency Balance in Supply Chains: A PROMETHEE II Approach
Eda Kayhan, Çağ University, Türkiye and Suzan Oğuz, Çağ University, Türkiye

Blockchain as a Driver of Export Performance: A Systematic Literature Review Through a Resource-Based View Lens
Khaled Alaqeel, UTM, Malaysia; Maslin Masrom, UTM, Malaysia; and Moh'd Shakkah, Irbid National University, Jordan

BEHAVIORAL FINANCE & INVESTMENT II

Chair: Woo Kok Hoong, Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management & Technology, Malaysia & Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia
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Evgeniia Barysheva, Graduate School of Management SPbU, Russia; **Marat Smirnov,** Graduate School of Management SPbU, Russia; and Egor Nikulin, Graduate School of Management SPbU, Russia

Financial Literacy, Peer Influence and Social Media on Investment Behavior Among Young Investors in Vietnam
Ha Nguyen-Van, Banking Academy of Vietnam, Vietnam; Thao Nguyen-Phuong, Ha Tinh High School for the Gifted, Vietnam; Hai Huy Nguyen - Dang, Vinschool The Harmony Secondary and High School, Vietnam; Lam Que Dang - Thao, Vinschool The Harmony Secondary and High School, Vietnam; and Tran Bao Chau - Nguyen, Chu Van An High School for the Gifted, Vietnam

The Credibility Trap: Assessing the Impact of Policy Volatility and Governance Gaps on Investor Confidence in Indonesia's Energy Transition
Santa Laetitia Nusa Putri, Central South University, China; Sunarso, Mercu Buana University, Indonesia; and Alfian Ryan Henry Tanawal, Sam Ratulangi University, Indonesia

Retirement Adequacy in Defined Contribution Pension Plans Incorporating Early Withdrawal Modeling
Aimi Syairah Md Sa'at, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia and Syazreen Niza Shair, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia

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Vo Thanh Tam, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and Trung Bao Nguyen Ngo, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Intellectual Property Management as a Tool for the Transfer of Green Transport Technologies to SMEs
Zhivko Radosvetov Gradinarov, Technical University of Varna, Bulgaria; Beaneta Vasileva, Technical University of Varna, Bulgaria; and Sibel Ahmed, Technical University of Varna, Bulgaria

Clustering the InsurTech dynamics in the transformation of the insurance industry
Iván Sosa Gómez, Camilo Jose Cela University, Spain

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Muhamad Ravanela Putra Isca, Telkom University, Indonesia and Danang Indrajaya, Telkom University, Indonesia

Operationalizing AI-Enabled Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Empirical Evidence and a Strategic Adoption Roadmap from the UAE
Vikas Swarnakar, College of Business and Economics, U.A.E.; Halimah Ahmed Alhashmi, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; Abdul Rauf, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; Hafiz Muhammad Usman Khizar, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; Mohammed Al-Waqfi, United Arab Emirates University, U.A.E.; and Shailesh Vaidya, National Institute of Technology, India

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The Mineral Supply Chain for Electric Vehicles: Key Stakeholders and Their Roles
Tomi Miuc, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia and **Matej Svigelj,** University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Impact of Zombie Lending on Banking Fragility
Christopher Chandra, Universitas Bina Nusantara, Indonesia; Jonathan Kane Toty, Universitas Bina Nusantara, Indonesia; and Rahmat - Siauwijaya, Universitas Bina Nusantara, Indonesia

Development of Digital Infrastructure in Slovenia
Matej Svigelj, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Feed or Flicker? Measuring the Forecasting Power of Cable News and Twitter Economic Uncertainty on Consumer Confidence
Aksh Barish Dantal, U.S.A.; Simran Kahai, John Carroll University, U.S.A.; and Arjun Tuli, Poland

The Political Economy of Nuclear Technology Transfer in Communist Romania: The Strategic Choice of Canadian CANDU Technology and Its Economic Fallout
George Dumitrescu, University of Bucharest, Romania

The Visible Intermediary: A Transaction-Cost Account of the Cross-Border Advisory Firm in China–Central Asia Industrial Equipment Trade
Bashir Modanov, Egatein, China

ECONOMICS OF INNOVATION

Chair: Ha Van Nguyen Banking Academy of Vietnam, Vietnam
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Rodolfo Lauterbach, Universidad de Las Americas - Campus Providencia, Mexico

Promoting STEM Activities to Meet Labor Market Expectations: The Role of Collaborative Learning, Teacher Support and Financial Hardship
Ha Van Nguyen, Banking Academy of Vietnam, Vietnam; Vy Nong Nguyen-Tuong, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City High School for the Gifted, Vietnam; Linh Thai-Dan, Hanoi - Amsterdam High School for The Gifted, Vietnam; Tu Nguyen-Tuan, Vinschool Ocean Park, Vietnam; and Linh Tran-Ai, Foreign Language Specialised School - University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Vietnam

Do Energy Constraints Foster the Generation of Firms' Innovations? The Role of Knowledge for MENA Countries
Mira Khalili, Lebanese International University, Lebanon and Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain; Mercedes Teruel, Universitat Rovira i Virgil, Spain; and Monica Martin-Bofarul, Universitat Rovira i Virgil, Spain

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Orkhan Vatankhah, Azerbaijan Technical University, Azerbaijan

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Seda Kılıçaslan Özçakır, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye and **Mert Güleç,** Middle East Technical University, Türkiye

AI Adoption and the Internationalization of Creative Industries: Panel Evidence from European Economies
Gianmario Strappati, Instituto Superior J. Hernandez de Buenos Aires, Argentina

MARKETING & TOURISM

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Muhammad Abdan Syakura, Telkom University, Indonesia and **Citra Kusuma Dewi,** Telkom University, Indonesia

Revising the Definition of Country of Origin (COO) Effect: Toward a Clearer Conceptualization
Hajar Saidy, UH2C, Morocco and Ezzohra Belkadi, FSJES Ain Sebaâ, UH2C, Morocco

Luxury restaurant marketing: Comparing the Michelin and Australian Good Food guides
Estela Marine-Roig, University of Lleida, Spain

The Paradox of Pleasure and Pain: How Positive and Negative Experiences Shape eWOM in Ethnic Food Tourism
Ghazanfar Ali Abbasi, KFUPM, Saudi Arabia

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Narissara Palusuk, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

Driver or Brake? How Environmental Knowledge Moderates Sustainable Consumption Intentions in an Emerging Market Context
Mochamad Fikri Abdul Azis, Telkom University, Indonesia and **Citra Kusuma Dewi,** Telkom University, Indonesia

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Magdalena Olczyk, Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland

Future Tourism and Business Professionals' Perceptions of Conflict Management in Protected Areas: Evidence from University Students in Northern Albania
Arian Gjura, Universiteti i Shkodres "Luigj Gurakuqi", Albania

Blockchain-Based Solutions for Cross-Border Payment Settlements: Smart Contracts and System Efficiency
Shengguang Cheng, Southeast University, China

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Chair: Mehmet Huseyin Bilgin, EBES, Türkiye
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Jeffry Vincent Gunawan, Bina Nusantara University, Indonesia; Nathaniel Tangguh Kahatya, Bina Nusantara University, Indonesia; and **Rahmat - Siauwijaya,** Bina Nusantara University, Indonesia

Gender as a Determinant of Investment Decisions: A Behavioral Finance Perspective
Sasha Rastogi, The Shri Ram School, Moulsari, India and Priyanka Raheja, The Shri Ram School, Moulsari, India

From Assembly Lines to Headlines: Constructing a Manufacturing Economic Policy Uncertainty Index
Simran Kahai, John Carroll University, U.S.A. and **Aksh Barish Dantal,** U.S.A.

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Asma Al Rahbi, University of Warwick, U.K.; Taofeeq Ibn Mohammed, University of Warwick, U.K.; and Hamid Moradlou, University of Warwick, U.K.

Borrowing in Turbulent Times: Profitability and the Cost of Debt in Poland
Natalia Nehrebecka, Warsaw University, Poland

Political Engagement and Firm Performance in the United States: Evidence from Individual Campaign Contributions, 1980–2018
Victor Quyi Chen, Canada

Analysis of the Linkages between Power Supply and Firm Growth in the MENA Region
Mira Khalili, Lebanese International University, Lebanon and Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain; Mercedes Teruel, Universitat Rovira i Virgil, Spain; and Monica Martin-Bofarul, Universitat Rovira i Virgil, Spain

Who Exports, Diversifies, and Upgrades in the Philippines? A Firm-level Analysis
Jesus Felipe, De La Salle University, Philippines; Nanditha Mathew, De La Salle University, Philippines; and **Jacobe Joaquin Montes Sevilla,** De La Salle University, Philippines

Enterprise Chatbot Platform with Turkish Language Processing for Banking Operations Efficiency
İlker Köse, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; Serkan Çankaya, Istanbul Ticaret University, Türkiye; **Şükrü Buğra Özyiğit**, Turkish Commercial Bank, Turkiye; and Harun Özgür Tişkaya, Turkish Commercial Bank, Turkiye

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Discussant: Andrzej Cieslik, University of Warsaw, Poland
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Sinem Erdoğdu, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye

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Faranak Alikhah, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy; Tiziano Arduini, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy; Federico Belotti, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy; and Laura Forastiere, Yale University, U.S.A.

Sustainable Mobility Across Population Sizes in Japan: Balancing Household Mobility Choices, Well-Being, and CO_2 Emissions Reduction
Nagi Hosogoshi, Iwate University, Japan and Xiangdan Piao, Iwate University, Japan

The Effects of Parental Education on Child Welfare: Evidence from the 1997 Compulsory Schooling Reform in Turkey
Anıl Bölükoğlu, İzmir Bakırçay University, Türkiye; Öznur Ozdamar Giovanis, İzmir Bakırçay University, Türkiye; Eleftherios Giovanis, İzmir Bakırçay University, Türkiye; Banu Beyaz Sipahi, Tarsus Üniversitesi, Türkiye; and Gülden Bölük, Akdeniz University, Türkiye

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with sovereign risk. The empirical framework combines improved solvency diagnostics, a multi-indicator evaluation of bank performance, static panel estimations, and dynamic panel modeling using the Arellano–Bond Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) to evaluate the factors influencing both reported and exposure-adjusted solvency. The findings demonstrate a consistent difference between regulatory solvency and effective solvency. Exposure-adjusted figures indicate that banks' solvency positions are considerably weakened once sovereign concentration risk is taken into account, even though they frequently reported capital adequacy ratios that exceeded regulatory standards. Sovereign exposure positively correlates with stated capital adequacy. However, sovereign exposure significantly lowers stress-adjusted solvency. This enhances the possibility of a solvency illusion, where regulatory metrics exaggerate the real ability to absorb losses. The results remain consistent for a range of trimming assumptions and model settings. Additionally, the paper presents a Financial Efficiency Index (FEI) as a comprehensive indicator of bank performance and demonstrates how it can be used to explain solvency patterns. The findings show that while the effect of FinTech adoption on solvency depends on the effectiveness of the regulatory framework, macroprudential supervision indirectly increases bank resilience by improving financial efficiency. Furthermore, researchers find that asset quality and profitability are more accurate indices of underlying solvency than just regulatory capital. By providing a useful approach for identifying hidden vulnerabilities in sovereign-exposed financial systems, the research contributes to the body of existing literature. In addition to the Lebanese situation, the findings have important implications for prudential regulation, macroprudential supervision, banking sector restructuring, sovereign risk assessment, and financial stability monitoring in emerging and crisis-prone economies.

Keywords: Bank Solvency, Capital Adequacy, Sovereign Exposure, Financial Stability, Banking Regulation, Emerging Markets

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Digital Transformation, IT Governance, and Decision Support Systems in Banking: A Dynamic Enterprise Asset Intelligence Framework

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Abstract

Objectives: Digital transformation has raised the strategic importance of information technology assets in banking institutions. However, fragmented asset management practices, limited visibility of technology-business dependencies, and increasing regulatory requirements often constrain organizational agility and decision quality. To address those limitations, the proposed research is based on theories of the Resource-Based View, Dynamic Capabilities Theory, and Information Processing Theory. This study proposes a Dynamic Enterprise Asset Intelligence Framework, which would transform IT asset management from an operational inventory function into a strategic decision-making tool. By integrating technology assets, business services, risk indicators, and operational processes within a single platform, the framework seeks to strengthen organizational resilience, governance effectiveness, regulatory compliance, and resource allocation. Data and Methodology: Methodologically, the study follows a design science research approach. The framework is developed as an IT artifact and instantiated within a commercial bank, building an integrated information architecture that continuously monitors and manages the enterprise's IT assets, their dependencies, and their relations to business services and banking products. The system brings together dynamic asset modeling, graph-based

dependency analysis, automated risk and criticality assessment, regulatory compliance monitoring, and enterprise-wide data integration. Through a governance-driven approach, it supports impact analysis, resource allocation, business continuity planning, cybersecurity management, and regulatory reporting. The solution is also designed to improve auditability and traceability within the platform, strengthening managerial oversight and organizational control. Results: Instantiation in the banking context improved decision quality by giving managers a real-time view of assets and dependencies, and to yield measurable operational gains: by 80% in the time required to onboard a new asset type, achieved with zero system downtime through the dynamic meta-model, 90% in servers missed during vulnerability scans, and 70% in manual misclassification of asset value. Automated valuation and risk assessment have sharpened prioritization, cut operational inefficiency, and strengthen regulatory compliance and cross-unit coordination across technology, risk, security, and business functions. Conclusions: This study demonstrates how digital transformation initiatives create value through governance-oriented information systems and decision-support capabilities. Rather than viewing IT assets as merely operational, the proposed framework repositions them as strategic organizational assets contributing to resilience, risk management, and competitive advantage. It advances the digital transformation and IT governance literature by offering an integrated framework linking enterprise asset intelligence, decision-making, and regulatory compliance in banking. By connecting technological infrastructure with business value creation, it provides a novel perspective on how financial institutions can strengthen their dynamic capabilities in complex, regulated environments.

Keywords: Digital Transformation, IT Governance, Decision Support Systems, Organizational Resilience, Dynamic Capabilities, Banking Industry, Enterprise Asset Management

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Tracking Ostensibility within Islamic Banking Practices: A Thematic Analysis

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Abstract

This study investigates ostensibility in Islamic banking in Egypt, understood as the preservation of formal Sharīʿah-compliant appearances while contractual functionality, institutional logic, and risk–return outcomes converge with conventional banking. Using a qualitatively dominant sequential mixed-methods design, the research draws on 18 semi-structured interviews with participants from heterogeneous educational and occupational backgrounds. Thematic analysis identified three interrelated dimensions of ostensibility: the instrumentalization of regulatory boundaries, contractual simulation with conventional banking, and the marginalization of socioeconomic objectives. These qualitative findings were subsequently transformed into binary indicators to examine variation across respondent groups. The results reveal a strong perceived divergence between the formal contractual structure of Islamic banking and the substantive principles associated with Islamic economic thought, particularly genuine risk-sharing, ethical distinctiveness, and distributive justice. While concerns about conventional-like outcomes and weak socioeconomic contribution were widely shared across participants, more analytically advanced respondents were more likely to identify deeper regulatory, juristic, and institutional contradictions. The study contributes to the literature by offering an integrated empirical account of form–substance divergence in Islamic banking through a comprehensive thematic analysis. The findings suggest that the long-term legitimacy of Islamic banking depends not only on formal compliance, but also on demonstrable alignment with the broader objectives of Islamic economy.

Keywords: Islamic Banking, Sharīʿah Compliance, Islamic Finance Contracts, Ostensible Compliance, Thematic Analysis

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