

EDITORIAL

1. (56952) This issue in particular includes a variety of topics, and also papers that come from a variety of countries; but mostly focusing Sustainability issues. So we start with a paper dealing with the everyday more relevant **Green Banking** but in the context of a country like Pakistan and dealing with Islamic Banks that consider ethical issues a priority too. A survey with 19 green banking officers and seven heads of the Shariah department reveal eight critical factors to be considered to overcome challenges: lack of awareness, knowledge and skills, the culture of adoption to change, lack of pressure, lack of incentives, lack of legal power, culture, and infrastructure. No doubt these challenges are also present in many other cases regarding implementing policies for ESG. **2. (59490)** Next paper also dealing with Financial Systems in Iran but with a more technical approach in the sense that was based on a statistical analyses of 180 senior and middle managers of active banks in Iran with at least 5 years of work experience (tenure) in Knowledge Management (KM) and new financial technologies, and showed that using knowledge, acquisition of knowledge, and integration of knowledge along with modern financial technologies - such as cloud computing technology, smart contracts, and artificial intelligence is likely to enhance the financial performance of banks and provide sustainable profitability. **3. (57207)** Now moving to Indonesia but continuing with the impacts that environmental issues may have on the Indonesian Stock Exchange clearly show using Regression Analyses on 18 Growth Category companies that had a good environmental performance, based on the Global Report Initiative (GRI), also had a good stock performance. **4. (57995)** Now coming to Brazil next paper explore the Environmental challenges and opportunities of the Chemical Industry for a Green Growth. The study showed that the categories Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I), Economic Feasibility, Public Sector Performance, Logistics, and Awareness were identified as significant in the scenario of obstacles and challenges but Economic Feasibility has actually greater relevance and moreover, the integration between stakeholders and the elaboration of systemic strategies may really help to overcome the challenges, as was to be expected. **5. (57265)** Next paper also comes from Brazil, this time from Rio de Janeiro and deals with a potential socio-environmental impact of the implementation of the Petrochemical Complex in the State of Rio de Janeiro impacted not only the municipality of Itaboraí, but also the neighboring municipalities, where structures were implemented to serve this mega-enterprise and in particular the Terrestrial and Submarine Outfall that will take the industrial effluent from COMPERJ to Itaipuaçu beach in the municipality of Maricá. **6. (58456)** Continuing in another region of Brazil, but still dealing with Environmental Care, this time concerning Basic legal Sanitation Issues like water supply and sanitary sewage the study show that perhaps because the Metropolitan Region of Campinas presents specific economic dynamism, the region seems to be already following the 2020 Basic Sanitary Framework. **7. (58695)** Moving to Pakistan, that unfortunately is living now a critical moment, due to the fact that one third of the country is underwater, next paper deals with an every day more relevant issue of Gender Socioeconomical Inclusion; and in this particular case refers to Microfinance Women Gender Clients in vulnerable communities. The study shows that in fact this is happening thanks to the help that comes from women's small financial groups providing low credit, low financial savings, low coverage, low schooling, and social funding.

8. (58597) Coming back to Brazil next paper consists on a bibliometric study exploring the development phenomenon of Brazilian cities considered the most innovative and entrepreneurial, aiming to identify the implications of stimulating technological entrepreneurship on the socioeconomic development of these cities, by comparing the cities using the Ranking of the Most Innovative Cities; Most Entrepreneurial Cities Index, FIRJAN Municipal Development Index, Human Development and Gini Coefficient. By looking at the cities that were on the top, the results obtained indicate that the most innovative and entrepreneurial municipalities have high Human Development Index (HDI), with emphasis on the dimension of Education, indicating that the training of quality human resources is a relevant asset in the context of innovation and entrepreneurship as it was to be expected. **9. (55265)** Keeping on with bibliometric studies next one deal with the evolution on research using Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that may start including Environmental and Economic issues and hence becoming even more useful for dealing with ESG. **10. (58719)** Next study deals with a statistical analysis regarding Job Performance and Transformational Leadership going on at the Keshavarzi Agricultural Bank of Iran that showed that transformational leadership style has a positive and significant effect on sustainable job performance since these kind of leadership moves to strive to benefit the organization beyond the defined job tasks and achieve a stable level of job performance in the long run. **11. (58572)** Now coming back to Pakistan next paper deals with the relationship between Corruption and Firm Performance, as a matter of fact corruption is going on everywhere and at the public and private sectors, that's why Compliance is becoming more important every day and the Corruption Perception Index CPI keeps showing that 131 countries have not improve their index in the last decade. The study focuses two sets of variables; first set is the variables that cover firm specific characteristics and other is variable that cover intervention with government agencies. The overall conclusion depicts a mixed approach on corruption effects. Our evidence shows that there is a negative association of corruption on firm performance; and that younger firms, directly exporting firms, large size firms are more likely to experience a deteriorating effect on their performance and bureaucratic complexities faced by the firms increases the performance of the firms which supports 'Grease the wheels'. **12. (58894)** Besides this problem of corruption, Pakistan as most developing countries is also suffering severe crises and economic recession due to the COVID-19 Sanitary Problems due to COVI-19, that on the other hand may allow the Governments, with the growth of e-commerce and mobile phone banking market size increased rapidly, help the transition of businesses towards online mode which can help retain jobs and economic growth stability. **13.** Finally last paper comes from Brazil and deals with critical issues regarding Climate Change as considered during the last COP26; that is particularly concerning appropriate ways to manage effectively public and private financial resources to deal with challenges to overcome increasing impacts of extreme events; and now we are preparing for the nearby COP27.

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