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# Multicriteria Decision Making



# Scope of the Journal

*IJMCDM is a scholarly journal that publishes high quality research contributing to the theory and practice of decision making in ill-structured problems involving multiple criteria, goals and objectives. The journal publishes papers concerning all aspects of multicriteria decision making (MCDM), including theoretical studies, empirical investigations, comparisons and real-world applications. Papers exploring the connections with other disciplines in operations research and management science are particularly welcome.*

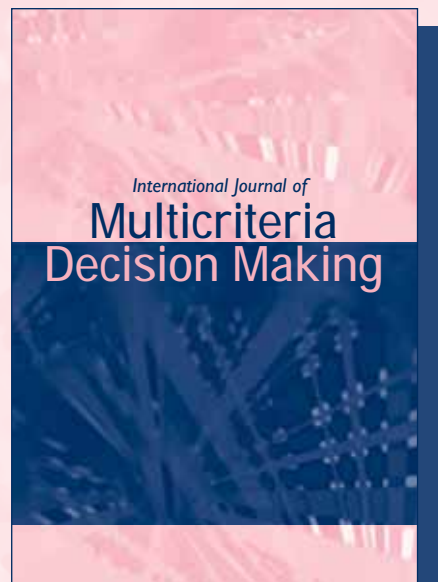
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*Suitable topics include but are not limited to:*

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- Conjoint measurement
- Decision making under uncertainty
- Disaggregation analysis, preference learning and elicitation
- Group decision making and multicriteria games
- Multiattribute utility/value theory
- Multicriteria decision support systems and knowledge-based systems
- Multiobjective mathematical programming
- Outranking relations theory
- Performance measurement
- Preference modelling
- Problem structuring with multiple criteria
- Rough set theory
- Risk analysis and modelling
- Social choice models
- Sensitivity and robustness analysis
- Theoretical foundations of MCDM
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**Prof. Roman Slowinski, Poznan University of Technology and Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland**

*This journal bridges an important gap that exists today in the dissemination of new results and ideas in decision making theories and applications. This area of research and practice is very important to science and society in general, especially in today's complex and globalized world.*

**Prof. Evangelos Triantaphyllou, Department of Computer Science, Louisiana State University, USA**

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*The area of Multicriteria Decision Making is becoming increasingly important nowadays, as economists and economic agents are becoming more aware of the need to consider multiple aspects and objectives for sustaining their decisions. That is why I believe that the International Journal of Multicriteria Decision Making will play an important role as a new research forum in this area.*

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**Prof. Behnam Malakooti, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Case Western Reserve University, USA**

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