
Editorial

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The papers published in this *IJEPEE* special issue have been presented at the SIBR-UniKL 2014 Conference on Interdisciplinary Business and Economic Research, which was held on February 7–8, 2014, at the Royale Bintang Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference was jointly organised by The Society of Interdisciplinary Business Research and The Universiti Kuala Lumpur Business School. The conference theme was 'The interdisciplinary approach to research, practice and learning'.

The papers appearing in this special issue were peer reviewed following the procedure outlined as follows. The guest editors initially evaluated all manuscripts nominated for the special issues. Papers rejected at this stage were outside the aims and scope of the journal or were insufficiently original. Papers that met the minimum criteria were forwarded to an expert for further review. This special issue employed double blind reviewing, where both the referee and author(s) remained anonymous throughout the process. As a result of this reviewing process, seven papers were accepted for publication in this special issue.

This *IJEPEE* special issue strives to stimulate cross-disciplinary interest in Diverse Perspectives on Income, Money and Banking. Specifically, based on a large sample of

households, Himayatullah Khan et al. empirically investigated the relationship between income and consumption of farm households in District Peshawar, Pakistan. Michael Graff re-visited the relationship between excessive money growth and inflation. Tatiana Škerlíková and Lucie Rudolfová investigated what could be causing delay in commencement of insolvency proceeding in Czech Republic. Shahid Anjum conducted a detailed analysis on the risk composition of Islamic bank's product portfolio. Lavanya Rekha Bahadur and Sagar Hemant Shah studied the issues and challenges faced by the Indian public healthcare sector and discussed relevant government policies. A.S. Sathish and P. Ganesan tried to identify various factors that contribute to customer experience. Furthermore, R. Indradevi attempts to find out the relation between the personality types as per the Myer Briggs Big Five model and the emotional intelligence. The emergence and development of the above interdisciplinary business and economic issues is well celebrated throughout this thematic issue.