
Editorial

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This special issue contains extended versions of the papers presented at the 3rd International Scientific Conference on Business and Economics (ISCBE 2019), held on June 13–15, 2019 in Skopje/Tetovo, North Macedonia. The theme of the conference was 'From transition to development: emerging challenges and perspectives'. This theme has been chosen after careful deliberation, to reflect the fact that there have been fundamental changes to both the character and the dynamics of the non-EU transition economic development countries since the initiation of the process of acceding to the NATO and EU as a member states, and that this may, in turn, affect the way the Western Balkan countries address the challenges that lie before them. The fundamentals of these issues previously were treated by Bexheti (2010, 2013), Dana (1998; 2010), Ramadani and Schneider (2013) and Ramadani et al. (2017).

The ISCBE conference has grown and continues to evolve. Building on the success of the past two conferences, this year conference attracted a large number of submissions. There were 96 submissions. Each submission was reviewed by at least 2, and on the average one program committee member. The committee decided to accept 64 papers. About 90 scholars participated in the conference, which was held at the both South East European University (SEEU) campuses in Skopje on 13th June and on 14th June at the Tetovo Campus. During this conference, the authors were looking at many topical issues that relate to the current state of the economy, as well as its development in the years ahead, thus the conference was divided into six sessions.

In this special issue are included the following papers:

- 'Determinants in the prevention of bad financial management: case study Republic of Kosovo', by Gresa Mjaku and Abdylmenaf Bexheti
- 'Labour market transition of youth in developing economies: the case of countries in South East and Eastern Europe', by Avni Arifi, Besnik Fetai, Stefan Qirici and Selajdin Abduli
- 'Role and impact of public debt in financing budget deficit and economic growth – with special study in Kosovo', by Refik Kryeziu
- 'Informal street vendors behaviour at Car-Free Day in Indonesia', by Dini Turipanam Alamanda, Abdullah Ramdhani, Grisna Anggadwita, Anggraeni Permatasari and Nisa Sa'adah
- 'Kosovo's nation branding through private and public sector cooperation', by Emira Limani, Shqipe Gërguri-Rashiti, Selma Kurtishi-Kastrati and Dina Sabry Said
- 'Financial stability of pension systems in transition countries', by Shpresa Alija, Besnik Fetai and Abdylmenaf Bexheti
- 'Total quality management for changes of staff capacity in higher education: a model to follow in the public sector', by Veronika Kareva and Xhevair Memedi

- ‘Perspective of counselling in social services: the case of Republic of North Macedonia’, by Hyrije Abazi-Alili, Shenaj Hadzimustafa, Remzije Rakipi, Teuta Veseli-Kurtishi and Blerta Abazi Chaushi
- ‘Impact of the fiscal policy on economic growth: an analytical approach from the Republic of Kosovo’, by Donat Rexha, Abdylmenaf Bexheti and Kosovare Ukshini.

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