
Editorial

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The services industry in China is in the process of digital transformation as all industries around the world. (Big) data and the use of data science methods and algorithms to extract new knowledge and patterns became more and more important over the last years. However, because of the size of China, its population, the size of its domestic market and its number of transactions, we can recognise similarities, but also differences in the development of the digital services industry.

The four articles were originally presented at the Wuhan International Conference on E-business (WHICEB 2017 and 2018). From more than 300 papers, these papers were recommended and the authors were asked to extend their papers for this special issue.

Because China is one of the major production and operations hubs and weather can significantly affect supply chains, weather derivatives play a key role in hedging risks to secure multinational supply chains. Therefore, Qing Zhu, Jiarui Li, Renxian Zuo and Zheyu Guo analyse the feasibility and stability of indices in their paper 'New weather indices for China: based on DCC-GARCH and GRU models'.

The second paper 'What drives consumer website stickiness intention? The role of website service quality and website involvement' by Jinnan Wu, Lin Liu and Tingting Cui analyses, why people tend to stick a shopping website. Unlike prior studies, the author uses the stimulus organism response model.

The third paper 'Using unlabeled data mining to detect customer perceptions of undefined commodity problems' by Yiqiong Wu, Qing Zhu, Shan Liu, Fan Zhang and Linbo Wang examine the maturation and developments of an unsupervised machine learning approach in online review systems to recognise customers satisfaction.

Bo Yang, Mingshan Chang, Kanliang Wang and Rong Zhang examine in the fourth paper 'The calendar effect of price-reduction auction of online agricultural products', the calendar effect in Dutch auctions, which are widely used on markets for agricultural products. The authors analyse over 200,000 transactions of China's largest B2C e-commerce company for agricultural products.