
Editorial

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The special issue is associated with the 12th Edition of IFC-International Finance Conference, held In Tunisia, 3–5 June 2021; renamed as ISFBI-International Symposium for Finance, Banking and Insurance in order to align key topics of the agenda to the renewal of financial and economic thoughts. The conference deals with ‘FinTech, cryptocurrencies and new burdens in financial economics: a post-worldwide economic crisis perspective’ <http://www.isfbi.org/>.

The conference is organised by cy-Cergy Paris University, ISC Paris Grande Ecole, University of Picardie-Jules Vernes-IUT de l’oise and Université Mediterranenne ; Mediterranean Institute of Tunisia MIT. It was an opportunity to open doors to new challenging fields insufficiently covered by top financial journals and conferences like technological innovations and smart applications in financial economics, various alternative business models in finance, digitalisation, SME and the increasing co-influence between finance, accounting and risk management.

ISFBI 1st edition, as the 12th and last edition of IFC, was committed to be a core finance interdisciplinary event, open to academia and practitioners as well, to deal with the unprecedented challenges of our times.

The special issue highlights issues in investment and financing decisions as well as the effects of new digital technologies (big data, block chain, etc.) on these types of decisions. It accounts also for the recent advances in terms of risk and profitability of investments and especially in emerging markets. The accepted papers covers all areas related to joint ventures, small and medium enterprises, SME, investment in new projects and R&D. Empirical results and case studies showing experience of different countries are also proposed.

This special issue selected qualitative as well as quantitative and mixed methodologies, as long as they are well grounded in the literature. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following: entrepreneurship and risk management; case studies and empirical evidence; and effects of new digital technologies.