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## Editorial

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This special issue was done by a selection of papers presented at the International Conference on Innovation and Sustainability (ICONIS). Uncertainty becomes a common element in the world, with events like the pandemic COVID 19, it is possible to visualise how insecure the future is. Because of that, there is a need to analyse the information considering different elements and possibilities to generate a better decision-making process and decrease the risk that every action has.

Among the works that can be found in the special issue are: (1) an analysis of the role of graduate theses on regional development, (2) the application of the fuzzy-set

qualitative comparative analysis in a stock market, (3) a study about how COVID 19 may change the consumer behaviour, (4) an application of multiple criteria hierarchical process to stock selection, (5) a bibliometric study of the evolution of agri-food sustainable marketing, (6) an analysis of marginality using a robust ranking model, (7) a study of the effects of sustainability in protected areas and (8) an application of three different multicriteria methods in project lunch analysis.

Finally, this special edition is useful for researchers, students, and society in general, since it contains different methodologies and applications that generate interesting results by themselves but also opens possibilities to make new studies that are of interest for different fields and allow to contribute and improve how the different agents relate to the new realities of the world.

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