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Special Issue on “Social, Sustainable, and Innovative Financial Services”

Journal of Financial Services Research (JFSR), announces a call for papers for a Special Issue (SI) on “Social, Sustainable and Innovative Financial Services” in partnership with the International Conference in Finance, Banking, and Accounting (ICFBA), held in Montpellier, 8-9 September 2023. JFSR is a highly ranked journal in the field of financial services publishing outstanding empirical and theoretical research.

The financial sector has a key role to play in achieving the UN sustainable development goals by directing capital flows towards social and environmental investment projects through innovative financial services. However, academic research on sustainable finance remains scarce. This special issue aims to fill this gap by bringing together high quality theoretical and empirical contributions. The SI seeks to inform policy makers about the micro- and macro-economic implications of social and green financial services to promote sound public policies.

We are particularly interested in research on Sustainable Financial Institutions (SFIs), also referred to as “alternative,” “ethical,” and “values-based” institutions, which have emerged as a new trend in financial intermediation. SFIs generally combine financial activities with one or more non-financial missions, typically based on environmental and social values. Their market share is growing rapidly and is expected to increase in the future.

Other topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategies in banking, their costs and benefits
- Cooperative and mutual finance
- Microfinance and financial inclusion
- Climate risk in banking
- Green bonds
- Central bank green finance policies, regulations, and policy initiatives
- Innovative financial services and lending technologies
- Crowdfunding
- Alternative financial institutions
- The role of values and culture in financial decision-making

Authors interested in having their manuscripts considered for this special issue should submit their papers to Anastasia Cozarenco at a.cozarenco@montpellier-bs.com by **15 January 2024**. Papers presented at the ICFBA, may be submitted, as well as other papers not presented at the conference. Authors of manuscripts selected for review by the Editorial Board will be invited to submit their papers to JFSR. In addition, selected papers will have a chance to present the progress of their results at a workshop dedicated to this SI, to be held at the University of Zurich on 12 June 2024.

All papers will be peer-reviewed in accordance with the journal's standard policy. JFSR will waive the submission fee for papers submitted to this special issue.

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