

# APPLIED FINANCE LETTERS



## Call for Papers: Special Issue on “Current Issues in Applied Finance”

Applied Finance Letters is pleased to invite papers for a special issue on “Current Issues in Applied Finance”.

### Overview

Climate finance and financial technology (Fintech) have attracted increasing attention from both academics, practitioners, and policymakers (see, for example, Hong *et al.*, 2019; Hong *et al.*, 2020; Giglio *et al.*, 2021; Marshall *et al.*, 2021; Ma *et al.*, 2022; Pham and Do, 2022; Pham *et al.*, 2022). No countries are immune from climate-related and environmental risks, which are considered one of the key drivers of several financial risks, such as market risk, credit risk, and operational risks. With a large proportion of commercial activities occurring online in the modern era, Fintech has become an important part of financial markets and daily activities in recent years. With the rise of cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens, peer-to-peer lending, buy-now-pay-later, and daily services such as PayPal and CashApp, Fintech has never been more relevant.

To date, our understanding of the multi-dimensional impacts of sustainable finance and financial technology, and more importantly, the practical implications of these current issues in financial markets remains largely under-explored. The goal of this special issue is to advance our understanding of various impacts of sustainable development and financial technology, discuss and provide solutions for current issues that finance communities and fintech industries are facing, and promote factors for more resilient societies in fast-changing environments. This special issue welcomes diverse methodological approaches, such as empirical, theoretical, and experimental research.

### Topics of Interest

We welcome all aspects of research on current issues in applied economics and finance, which include but are not limited to:

- Financial technology (FinTech), including but not limited to big data, blockchain technology, artificial intelligence (AI), cybercrime, cybersecurity, digital innovation, cryptocurrency, non-fungible tokens, or challenges that the Fintech industry faces, etc.
- Climate finance, sustainable finance, climatic disaster risk, hedging climatic risk, carbon risk, and carbon finance.
- Sustainable investing, green investments, socially responsible investing, green investments and financing, corporate governance and green investments, politics and green investments, green banking, green innovation, and green bonds.
- Research on different aspects of sustainable finance, not only environmental issues but also other sustainable goals beyond the environment, corporation, and other key stakeholders (e.g., employees, customers, suppliers, creditors, and communities).
- How do environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) concerns shape the ways that financial institutions respond to the carbon neutrality target in the pre-, during or post-crises?
- How do infectious diseases and health pandemics affect corporate financial sustainability and resilience?
- Research on energy finance and sustainable energies.
- Cross-country comparisons regarding climate finance and sustainable finance.

## **Submission guidelines and Publication Schedule**

Completed papers should be submitted via the Applied Finance Letters online submission site no later than February 28, 2023. For consideration, manuscripts should be between 3,000-4,000 words in length, although modestly longer papers will be considered. The word limit includes only the body of the text and excludes references, tables, figures, and art. Manuscripts are also evaluated in terms of contribution-to-length ratio.

- Deadline for paper submission: February 28, 2023
- Reviewers' first report: May 30, 2023
- Revised paper submissions: September 30, 2023
- Expected formal publication date: December 2023 - January 2024

Submissions should follow AFL author guidelines at <https://ojs.aut.ac.nz/applied-finance-letters/about/submissions>. Applied Finance Letters does not charge any fees for submission, publication, or access to articles.

The submission portal will open on 1 October 2022, and will remain open until 28 February 2023. To submit, go to <https://ojs.aut.ac.nz/applied-finance-letters/about/submissions> and select SI "Current Issues in Applied Finance". Submitted articles should be consistent with the above topics.

Articles for this special issue will be processed for publication as soon as they are accepted. The special issue will be published as a virtual special issue or article collection.

## **Guest Editors:**

This special issue of Applied Finance Letters will be guest-edited by Associate Professor Hung Do, Dr. Harvey Nguyen, and Dr. Mia Pham. Please direct your inquiries to the Guest Editors.

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