

EDITORIAL: Academic responsibility in times of crisis

Dear readers!

We are pleased to share the first issue of the *Corporate Governance and Organizational Behavior Review* introduced in 2022.

May you live in interesting times! It is not a good wish, but a Chinese curse that means being immersed in all kinds of events that do not give a second of peace, as it is understood that a happy life only can be enjoyed with peace of mind.

The third decade of the 21st century has started full of terrible and uncertain events that will make history. We are two years into a global pandemic that has not yet been eradicated, with successive waves and variants that have resulted in global health, socio-political and economic crises (Sharif, Aloui, & Yarovaya, 2020). We are in a climate emergency (Gills & Morgan, 2020). We suffer inflationary pressures, disruptions in the supply chains of components from Asia, geopolitical instability, and finally, an armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine with unpredictable and terrible global consequences.

Academic research plays an essential role in transferring information and knowledge about the interaction of these events on society and the effects and consequences on the stability and evolution of the economy, social development, environmental sustainability, health, and the welfare state. However, scholarly research faces critical shifts in the current research environment (Jung, Koli, Mavros, Smith, & Stepanian, 2021). There is significant uncertainty in all the research areas, but at the same time, new challenges and opportunities are shown up. Our task and responsibility are to accept the challenge and add light to uncertainty.

The present issue fulfils this responsibility with fourteen papers, most of them for developing markets, dealing with critical aspects that the business and academic community is currently trying to solve, and also accomplishing a crucial part of the academic responsibility with developing countries. All these papers bring a ray of light in these troubled times.

In the following pages, readers will address topics such as the relationship between information technology and internal audit effectiveness; corporate social responsibility disclosure in tax aggressiveness situations; the impact of governance on economic growth; the flipping activity of initial public offerings; the big data analytics in auditing and the consequences for audit quality; the corporate sustainability performance throughout the firm life cycle; the corporate governance impact on organizational performance in the fourth industrial revolution; the standard functional structures in hospital managerial boards; the impact of personality and entrepreneurship education on entrepreneurial intention; the organizational justice impact on employees intention to stay in firms; the impact of minimum wage rising on firm performance and productivity firm indicators; the effect of the implementation of robotic process automation in auditing quality; the relationship between the HEXACO personality traits and entrepreneurial intentions and career adaptability, and the impact of active labour policies on economic growth.

The countries and regions addressed in this issue are Jordan, Indonesia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Malaysia, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Greece, and Kosovo. Generating new knowledge in these countries is crucial for their economic and social development and resilience, as developing countries are the most vulnerable in times of crisis.

We hope that the readers of the journal *Corporate Governance and Organizational Behavior Review* will find this issue worth reading.

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