

EDITORIAL: Viewpoints on governance and regulation — Evolution in the making

Dear readers!

On behalf of the editorial team, I am pleased to present the fourth issue of volume 13 (2024) of the *Journal of Governance and Regulation*. The current issue features twenty scholarly articles investigating a diverse array of research topics, including corporate sustainability, regulatory environments, financial economics, logistics and price wars, the economic impact of COVID-19, green energy, institutional settings, and corruption. Each contribution significantly advances the existing body of knowledge within an increasingly complex global landscape. I am confident that you will find these articles both informative and stimulating.

The rapid and ongoing evolution of both the private and public sectors forms the backdrop for the articles presented in this issue of the *Journal of Governance and Regulation*. While sustainability remains a central theme, the emergence of other significant trends, influenced by social, epidemiological, and environmental factors, has also come to the fore.

Traditional viewpoints towards regulation, decision-making, and corporate governance (Singh & Pillai, 2022) measured by performance and profit or social welfare are replaced by their social, environmental, technological and creative impact and perspective, by the investigative research exhibited by the authors of the current issue.

The risk assumed by the entities, albeit global, regional, public or private is augmented due to the digital revolution (Feroz et al., 2021; Negro, 2022; Rosário & Dias, 2022), the green energy gravitation (Ahmed et al., 2024) and the regulatory adoption impacts the business philosophy, culture and models (Lumat, 2023) as per their corporate governance. These factors necessitate a rethinking of business philosophies, cultures, and models, particularly in terms of corporate governance. A notable trend emerging from the current issue is the impact of digital technology on education, as a stepping stone towards digital entrepreneurship or even oversight to institutional governance. Furthermore, the influence of statutory regulations on tax evasion, corruption, and wealth taxation is explored, highlighting the behavioral dimensions of regulatory compliance.

As global factors emerge unpredictably affecting regulatory bodies and profit-generated entities, scholars advocate for optimizing economic development through the adoption of alternative models such as MICE (meeting, incentive, conference, and exhibition), upgrading the management control function or price innovation.

The researchers assume the role of investigating the interplay between organizational corporate governance and inflicted social and entrepreneurial well-being via a variety of lenses aiming at stimulating structural advances in the economic sphere.

Researchers must remain attuned to current trends and challenges to effectively address current issues and trends in governance. By engaging with the core pillars of governance, researchers can contribute further to the regulatory and cultural evolution of society, thereby driving necessary change.

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