

## Accounting, Finance & Governance Review

### Special Issue Call for Papers

#### “Innovations in Research Methods in Accounting, Finance and Governance”

Accounting, finance and governance research has grown in size and importance, developing into global, interdisciplinary research fields. Academics are faced with relentless pressures for higher quality research that contributes to their discipline. The search for innovative methods to advance accounting, finance and governance theory has been continuous with significant improvements in recent years. The key question in this special issue is how to better study accounting, finance and governance issues to develop ways of providing useful insights for both theory and practice? Scholars have relied on a variety of methodological approaches to address these issues, including case studies, surveys, archival analysis, ethnography and experiments. How research is conducted is subject to close scrutiny, and it is becoming increasingly important for researchers to demonstrate a critical reflective approach to their method of enquiry. Today, the field is undergoing rapid transformation in methodological possibilities. This presents researchers with new opportunities to better capture phenomena of interest in their investigations as well as presenting new challenges about how to conduct their studies and in understanding the implications associated with their research choices. Given this context, the purpose of this special issue is to give impetus to advances in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies in the fields of accounting, finance and governance.

In this special issue, we seek papers that address new or non-mainstream methodological approaches. Papers should focus on the description of methodologies or the process of doing research and the lessons learned rather than on outcomes (if any). The special issue seeks contributions addressing both developments in new research methodologies, as well as contributions addressing pragmatic improvements in established research methods. We also invite critical reflections about important methodological issues, including ethical and social impacts, harnessing of technology to engage with the field, novel types of researchers' engagement with empirical reality, and different relationships between researchers and subjects for research. We seek to (a) codify existing difficulties in how methods are applied, (b) develop understanding about how to resolve current dilemmas through new methodological approaches, (c) lay a foundation for increased emphasis on methodological quality in future studies, and (d) consider the implications of methodological quality on developments in accounting, finance and governance.

The aim of this special issue of *Accounting Finance and Governance Review* (AFGR) is to bring together research evidence, cutting-edge ideas and potential solutions to promote better, more innovative research methods for high-quality research.

#### **AFGR Special Issue**

- Paper submissions for the AFGR special issue will open in May 2019
- Paper submissions should be made by email to: [niamh.brennan@ucd.ie](mailto:niamh.brennan@ucd.ie) and [patricia.martyn@nuigalway.ie](mailto:patricia.martyn@nuigalway.ie).
- Papers deemed suitable for the Special Issue in terms of scope and quality will be double-blind reviewed.
- Papers which fall outside the scope of the Special Issue or which are considered unlikely to be completed in time or to the quality for the Special Issue will be desk rejected.
- The final date for submission for papers to the AFGR Special Issue is **31 January 2020**. Papers submitted after this date cannot be considered for the Special Issue.

### **Guidelines to authors for AFGR submission**

- All submissions to the *Accounting, Finance and Governance Review* will be subject to double-blind refereeing.
- There is no submission fee.
- It is intended that the Special Issue will be published in 2020.
- All accepted papers will make an original contribution to prior literature and meet the high publication standards of the *Accounting Finance and Governance Review*.
- The Guest Co-editors will review and edit all submissions and make recommendations to the Joint Editors of *Accounting Finance and Governance Review*.
- The Joint Editors of the *Accounting Finance and Governance Review* will exercise an oversight role prior to publication.

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