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On behalf of the editorial board, reviewers, and authors of the journal, I am very much looking forward to interacting with the *FinTech* research and practice communities to share their latest research results through this new platform. In this dynamic field of research, ensuring and contributing to the quick dissemination of ideas, challenges, and proposals are much needed and required.

FinTech (ISSN 2674-1032) is an international, peer-reviewed, and open access journal on a variety of themes connected with financial technology, such as cryptocurrencies, risk management, robot advising, crowdfunding, blockchain, new payment solutions, machine learning and AI for financial services, digital currencies, etc. *FinTech* provides a global academic forum for exchanging research findings across all fields of financial innovation in the era of electronic business. It seeks to promote interactions among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners, as well as foster research ideas on financial innovation in terms of new financial instruments, new financial technologies, markets, and institutions.

Our aim is to provide theoretical and empirical analyses of FinTech, new research questions and/or approaches, offer original case studies, or significantly expand on pre-existing research. *FinTech* focuses on theoretical analyses and empirical explorations on the synergy between finance and technology. The journal provides a publishing platform to advance the academic and professional innovations of the cutting-edge technologies integrated into the products and services of the modern financial services sector.

Some of the most active areas of FinTech innovation include or revolve around, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and digital cash.
- Blockchain in finance.
- Distributed ledger technology (DLT).
- Smart contracts.
- Robo-advisors.
- Open banking.
- InsurTech.
- RegTech.
- Unbanked/underbanked.
- Cybersecurity and data protection.
- Text mining.
- Artificial intelligence.
- Machine learning (algorithms).
- Python programming.
- Predictive behavioral analytics.
- Data-driven marketing.
- Robotic process automation (RPA).
- FinTech models.
- Risk.
- Consumer protection.
- Firms' governance and risk governance.

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- Amendments to anti-money laundering requirements.
- Social and ethical implications of FinTech.
- Visualization of big data financial systems.
- Sustainability in FinTech.
- New developments in FinTech.
- Applications of FinTech, such as crowdfunding platforms, mobile payments, and other advanced computing, such as the adoption of 5G in banking and other finance services, etc.
- Regulation of FinTech.

With open access publications and the transparent availability of research results, *FinTech*, launched with MDPI, is aimed at providing a quality forum for the exchange of ideas and findings from academics, researchers, and industrial practitioners across different disciplines to publish their work globally under a fully open access model.

The journal will publish original research papers, research review papers, short communication, book reviews, and Special Issues organized by qualified scientists in their areas of expertise. All manuscripts submitted for possible publication in the journal will be checked by our highly experienced editorial board members before undergoing a rigorous and rapid peer review process.

FinTech encourages researchers to publish the results of their recent theoretical and experimental developments in as much detail as possible, so that results can be useful for industries or academic research. Therefore, there is no restriction on the length of an article, nor a need for long papers. Shorter contributions under the form of a 'communication' (the text is limited to 2000 words) can be considered if the topic is relevant and the analysis well-executed and fruitful. Connection with practice is important for FinTech, and contributions from practitioners are encouraged and will be given a chance for publication.

I encourage you to submit your original research results to *FinTech* by following the Instructions for Authors.

Finally, I would like to thank our editorial board members, who I have the pleasure to work with on the journal; together they bring incredible expertise, talent, and willingness to engage. Special thanks to the authors for contributing to the success of the journal through their quality submissions and to the reviewers for ensuring the quality of the journal.

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