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The Future of Commodities

Message from the Guest Editor

Asset markets categorize commodities into "soft," "grains," "metals," and "energy." Futures and options serve hedgers (commodity consumers) seeking transaction security and speculators providing liquidity. Consumers experience significant price fluctuations in routine purchases like wheat and gasoline. The rise of "new" commodities, exemplified by Satoshi's Bitcoin, offers unexplored research avenues. Cryptocurrencies' ambiguous asset categorization (security or commodity) and uncertain daily utility prompt central banks to oppose them, citing illegitimacy and scam risks. This Special Issue on Commodities explores both traditional and emerging markets, addressing heightened competition for resources in the 21st century due to climate change impacts. The call for innovative contributions promises a swift, constructive blind review process for diverse topics.

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