

## Special Issue

# Socially Responsible Investments

### Message from the Guest Editors

Socially responsible investing (SRI) is any kind of investment strategy which seeks to combine both financial return and social good. Currently, several US\$ trillions are socially responsibly invested all over the world. The number of investors that avoid investing in unethical companies constantly increases. SRI has become an established way of investing both for institutional and private investors. The rapid growth of the SRI industry has fostered financial and economic studies, though with nonconclusive and often conflicting results. Moreover, many areas of SRI-related issues deserve further investigation. This Special Issue aims at bridging this gap by collecting cutting-edge original papers that will improve the actual understanding of the SRI universe in all of its subsets (sustainable investing, impact investing, green finance, ethical investing, positive investing, community investing, etc.). Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome. Case studies will be eligible for publication provided that they offer substantial comparisons and policy implications. Authors are encouraged to contact the for feedback about the topics of the research papers.

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