

Special Issue

Emerging Trends in Corporate Finance: ESG, Climate Risk, and Other Contemporary Issues

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of *IJFS* focuses on advancing research in emerging trends in corporate finance, specifically ESG, climate risk, and other contemporary issues. It explores how firms integrate sustainability considerations, manage financial risks, optimize governance, and create long-term value. The scope of discussion includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- *Corporate governance, ESG, and sustainability performance;*
- *Risk management, climate risk, and value creation in firms;*
- *Capital structure decisions and financial constraints;*
- *Mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring in the ESG era;*
- *Corporate investment, innovation financing, and green finance;*
- *Behavioral corporate finance and managerial decision making;*
- *Financial markets, corporate policies, and investor behavior in sustainable finance;*
- *ESG finance, corporate social responsibility, and impact investing;*
- *Private equity, venture capital, and sustainable entrepreneurial finance;*
- *The impact of macroeconomic factors and climate policies on corporate financial decisions;*
- *Empirical studies on financial and environmental regulations and their effects on firms;*
- *Other related topics.*

Guest Editor

Dr. Kai Wu

School of Finance, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing 102206, China

Deadline for manuscript submissions

28 February 2026



International Journal of Financial Studies

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.2
CiteScore 4.6



mdpi.com/si/231804

*International Journal of
Financial Studies*
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
ijfs@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
ijfs](https://mdpi.com/journal/ijfs)





International Journal of Financial Studies

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.2
CiteScore 4.6



[mdpi.com/journal/
ijfs](https://mdpi.com/journal/ijfs)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

I'm thrilled to take the leadership reins of the *International Journal of Financial Studies* and welcome the opportunity to make it one of the vanguard open-source scientific journals in our field. I eagerly look forward to working with the journal editorial team in building upon the quality instilled by my predecessor to develop the title further and broaden the appeal to other new finance research areas while keeping our core a high-quality finance journal that serves and highly values the scientific community, readers and authors alike. *IJFS* aims to publish high-quality manuscripts in both theoretical and empirical finance spanning all the major research areas in the field. It aims to provide an outlet for original finance scholarly research that promotes interaction among finance scholars and practitioners and bridges the divide that can exist between them.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Zied Ftiti
OCRE Laboratory, EDC Paris Business School, 92415 Paris, France

Author Benefits

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), EconLit, EconBiz, RePEc, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Business, Finance) / CiteScore - Q2 (Finance)

Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 19.6 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 6.6 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).