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Neoclassical finance postulates that individuals are rational information processors, who reach decisions based on precise mathematical tools, independent of their emotions and with the purpose of maximizing their utility. This theoretical construct has largely been challenged since the 1980s, via a series of findings from behavioral and experimental finance studies; these findings showcased that human behavior often reflects departures from the rational paradigm. Evidence on the above hails from analytical, experimental and empirical finance studies covering a broad cross section of asset classes and markets of various stages of development. These deviations from rationality can have severe repercussions for social welfare and potentially foster market destabilization; thus, they are of clear relevance to regulatory and policy-making authorities. Submissions are invited that cover the whole spectrum of behavioral and experimental finance applications, including financial decisions and biases, behavioral corporate finance, behavioral asset pricing, investors' sentiment and emotions, retail and institutional investors' behavior, herding and bubbles, to mention just a few.

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