

Special Issue

Challenges and Future Trends of Industry 4.0

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This Special Issue on I4.0 trends and challenges wants to bring new light to the complex phenomenon of Industry 4.0. I4.0 emphasizes the prominence of data collection and exchange throughout the value chain by introducing production systems that are increasingly intelligent, autonomous, and automated. We would like to see profound and rigorous theoretical, managerial and policy contributions that I4.0 advance and challenge existing theories used in global management and business research, performance and competitive advantage. We have no *a priori* preferences regarding the theoretical stance or methodological approach. We welcome papers using traditional methodologies, survey, qualitative research as well as emerging innovative approaches including the use of algorithms, contrarian case analysis and fuzzy set qualitative comparative analysis (fsQCA). The articles must be able to clearly demonstrate a significant contribution to management and applied economics scholarship. All manuscripts should apply the general author guidelines for *Sustainability*.

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