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ESG and Sustainability: A Global Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

In the past three decades, ESG (environmental, social and governance) has become an important investment and management principle increasingly embraced by business and financial operations around the world. Morningstar, a leading financial service company, reported that as of 2020, the assets under management in funds that adhere to ESG principles have surpassed USD 1 trillion for the first time in history. While interest in ESG from business and investors have surged, the ESG principle itself and the accompanying practices bring about unresolved puzzles and contentious debates, calling for academic scrutiny from researchers. There is also an urgent need for practitioners to better understand and master ESG-related issues, which can take a heavy toll on corporate financial performance. In this Special Issue, we are interested in publishing analytical, methodological and empirical studies with the potential to advance both the theory and practice of ESG in a global setting.

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