CALL FOR PAPERS
JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNTING & ECONOMICS

Annual Symposium with ESG theme
and Doctoral Consortium
January 8th – 10th, 2024

The 2024 JCAE Annual Symposium with ESG theme, organized by the Journal, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and the University of Texas at Arlington, will be held at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong from January 9-10, 2024. It will be preceded by the Doctoral Consortium on January 8, 2024.

The 2024 JCAE Annual Symposium will have Environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) as its primary theme. The theme focuses on the long-term sustainability and accountability of organizations. While papers not directly related to the theme are still welcome, they will have limited time allotted. If high-quality ESG plenary papers are accepted, they will be published in a special issue of JCAE.

The Theme

Environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) refers to how organizations, investors, and citizens integrate environmental, social, and governance concerns into their business and operation models to provide accountability to the community, society, and the planet. Recent development links ESG with a sustainable economy and society. ESG and sustainability have been recognized as critical and timely topics for the government, industry, and academia around the world. To better understand how the ESG initiatives are shaping both business and non-business organizations around the world, we invite papers on issues of accounting and reporting as they relate to topics that include, but are not limited to:

- Climate risk
- Natural disasters
- Human Capital, covering diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Corporate governance

We particularly encourage the submission of theoretical and empirical papers that have clear implications for the role of ESG in today’s challenging and ever-changing economy.

Details & Submission Guidelines

Plenary session submissions
Plenary paper submissions should be made directly to JCAE using Editorial Manager. The submission fee is US$100. The submission fee will be refunded for the papers accepted for plenary session presentation. Use the following link to submit papers: https://www.editorialmanager.com/cae/default1.aspx

In the “Article Type,” choose VSI Conference 2024.

**Concurrent session submissions**

Concurrent manuscripts should be submitted in MS Word format (1 blind copy & 1 copy with authors’ details) to jcaesymposium2023@uta.edu. Please state clearly that the manuscript is submitted for the Concurrent Session by including “Concurrent Session” in the subject line of the email. Please **do not** use the editorial manager for the submission of Concurrent Session papers. There is no submission fee for Concurrent Sessions submissions.

**Journal Publication**

Papers accepted for Plenary Sessions will be published in the JCAE, subject to satisfactory revision and acceptance by the Editors. If there are enough papers on the ESG theme that are accepted for the journal, they will be published in a special issue of the journal. If the number of ESG papers that are accepted does not cross the threshold for a special issue, they will be published in the regular issues of the journal. Authors are required to sign a copyright release form as a condition of publication. The Journal retains the option to consider some submissions that are not accepted for plenary presentation at the Symposium. The authors will be notified if that is the case.

Authors who do not wish to commit their papers to the Journal should submit their papers for consideration at the Concurrent Sessions. Plenary submissions not selected for Plenary Sessions will be considered for the Concurrent Sessions. Authors who do not wish their papers to be considered for Concurrent Sessions should clearly state this in their submission (or notify us after submitting it to Editorial Manager). Note that concurrent session submissions are not considered journal submissions and will not be automatically considered for the journal.

**Doctoral Consortium (January 8, 2024)**

The Doctoral Consortium allows students to present their proposals and interact with renowned professors of international standing.

Research proposals should be submitted in MS-Word format with an abstract (maximum 800 words) to jcaesymposium2023@uta.edu. Please state clearly that the proposal is submitted for the Doctoral Consortium by including “Doctoral Consortium” in the title of the email.

**Key Dates for submissions**

Please submit the papers (plenary papers through the JCAE Editorial Manager and Concurrent papers directly to the website) by **September 15, 2023**.

Authors will be notified of their acceptance around November 1, 2023.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the policies of JCAE and the journal publisher Elsevier. Author Guidelines must be strictly followed.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**About the Journal of Contemporary Accounting & Economics**

The JCAE is a tri-annual publication published by Elsevier in April, August, and December. The Journal encourages submissions in all the major areas related to accounting and auditing issues.

JCAE is widely recognized as a high-quality journal by researchers and journal evaluation institutes. For example, since 2010, JCAE has been ranked an “A” grade journal in the Journal Rating Listing of the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC). JCAE is included in the SCOPUS of Elsevier, the EconLit of the American Economic Association, and the SSCI listing. The Journal has an impact factor of 2.944 and a Citescore of 3.5. For all inquiries, please contact: jcaesymposium2023@uta.edu