

Editorial: Navigating Global Integration, Sustainability, and Strategic Development

Dear readers,

I am pleased to introduce the new issue of the EMI Journal, where the themes of global economic integration, corporate sustainability, and strategic spatial development intersect with innovative perspectives on infrastructure and technology.

The first paper, "Economic Globalization, Sustainable Growth and Development in Emerging Market: Nigeria Experience," explores the impact of globalization on emerging economies. The authors demonstrate that while foreign direct investment and export performance stimulate economic growth, government support for industrialization and diversification is essential for long-term sustainability.

The second paper, "Disclosure of Six Sustainable Capitals – A Differential Effect on the Market Value of Stocks" by Collins C. Ngwakwe, examines the financial impact of comprehensive sustainability reporting. Based on data from the retail sector, the findings clearly show that transparent reporting of non-financial pillars (including social and natural capital) significantly increases stock prices and reduces market volatility.

The third study, "Regional Accessibility of Utility Networks on Brownfields: Implications for Business Development" by V. Hrábek, D. Nosková, and J. Škrabal, assesses the role of infrastructure in brownfield regeneration. The introduced AMI index confirms that technical readiness directly determines regional investment attractiveness, emphasizing the need for targeted public interventions in peripheral areas.

The issue is concluded by two timely book reviews. Jiří Zmatlík reviews B. Štědroň's book, *Introduction to Chess and Artificial Intelligence for Youth*, which thoughtfully contrasts the computational power of AI with strategic human reasoning. Following this, B. Štědroň reviews the publication *Nation for Itself: Czech Fiascoes 1989-2024*. Despite the book's skeptical tone, the review highlights the immense innovative capacity and democratic stability of the Czech Republic.

I believe that this combination of contributions brings not only new scientific insights but also practical inspiration for both academia and business management. I wish you pleasant reading and inspiring moments.

Regards,
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