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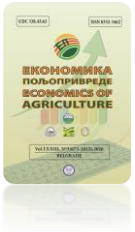
Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting,

Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics) - Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Economics, Q3

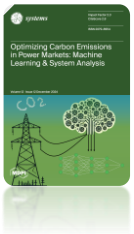
Journal of East European Management Studies,

Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics) - Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Management, Q4



Economics of Agriculture,

Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics) – Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Agricultural Economics & Policy, Q4



System Approaches for Accelerating the Transition to a Circular Economy,

Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics) - Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Interdisciplinary, Q1, special ISSUE in systems

Journal of Community Positive Practices,

SCOPUS

Ekonomika,

indexed in recognised international databases

Economics of Sustainable Development,

indexed in recognised international databases

Journal of Applied Economics and Busines,

indexed in recognised international databases

The Aim of the International Conference

www.conferinte-ince.ro

The aim of the international conference ”Economic Scientific Research - Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches”- ESPERA, initiated in 2013 by the National Institute for Economic Research ”Costin C. Kirițescu” (NIER), is to present and evaluate the economic scientific research portfolio, to argue and substantiate the Romanian development strategies - including European and global best practices. The 2026 edition of the Conference will be held on 15th - 16th October, under the title: **”Mapping out a route towards a paradigm shift focused on competitiveness and well-being against the backdrop of a challenging economic and social context at the global, European, and national levels”**.

The event program addresses a wide diversity of themes, bringing together researchers from all NIER institutes and centers, members of the Romanian Academy and also guests, from Romanian universities and from other countries, including master, PhD and post PhD students.

Under the circumstances of multiple economic challenges facing the whole world caused by political instability, weaker global and national macroeconomic growth prospects, oil shock adversities and persistence of energy-driven spikes in inflation, trade flows unpredictability vs supply chains disruptions, financial markets volatility, geopolitical tensions heightening due mainly to Middle East war escalating, new policy levers and tools to surmount them are required, focused on competitiveness boost and productivity gains, people’s daily life and well-being improvement through technological advances accelerating, investments enhancing, including in human capital, energy strategies resetting, expanding access to domestic capital markets and offshore financing.

To this end, redefining the analytical framework of metrics and indicators that capture increasingly complex and interconnected challenges, experienced at global and national levels is proving to be of crucial importance, with the aim of identifying the most appropriate policy macroprudential tools and actions, based on an in-depth understanding of key sectoral trends, the factors driving rapid changes of the actual complicated internal and external context, as well as foreseeable developments in the short and medium term.

Researchers are encouraged to present papers of scientific research regarding, as much as possible, the topics presented above.

Even if many of the papers deal with these aspects from the perspective of the impact and relevance of the analyzed aspects from the point of view of the Romanian economy and society, through the significant number of foreign authors participating in each of its previous editions, the ESPERA International Conference has proven its worth to act as a conducive forum for debating, sharing of knowledge and good practices with representatives of the academic environment, researchers and teaching staff from other countries, both from the European Union and non-EU countries.

The International conference proceedings is dedicated mainly for professionals, researchers, decision makers, but also for all interested parties - academia, practitioners, PhD and post PhD students and a broader public audience - providing valuable knowledge about the world economy latest developments and its foreseeable evolvement, understanding transformational drivers of national economies and developing strategies, policies and tools adequate to the related reforms.

The Conference is intended as a thought-provoking exercise for researchers and it is organized in such a way as to provide a wide-ranging platform for debates, covering the broadest approaches, enabling an interactive exchange of ideas and the most recent scientific results and findings, including those emerged in economic science arising from both fundamental and empirical researches and promoting evidence-based policy making new vision under crisis circumstances.

The contributions and views that will be expressed, on a meritorious and wide-ranging level, will be disseminated, as in previous years, in a volume - Proceedings of the International Conference ESPERA 2026, that will be submitted to EBSCO and also for evaluation and inclusion in Conference Proceedings Citation Index by Clarivate, Web of Science and SCOPUS.

The Conference includes an additional section dedicated to master, PhD and post PhD students, thus providing a conducive framework for scientific debate and their training.

The Conference will be held in a hybrid format (on site and online). The correspondence with the authors will take place using the email address: **espera@ince.ro** .

Conference Programme

- *First day,* ***October 15th, 2026*** – ***Plenary Session****;*

- *Second day,* ***October 16th, 2026*** – ***15 Parallel Sessions****.*

Conference website

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Thursday, October 15th, 2026, Plenary Session /
Joi, 15 octombrie 2026, Sesiune plenară

9⁰⁰– 9¹⁵ ***Registration of participants***

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9¹⁵-9²⁰ ***Opening meeting***

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9²⁰- 9³⁰ ***Speeches and messages***

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9⁴⁵- 10³⁰ ***Plenary papers – Part I***

Professor Magdalena Susan RESIGA, *Deputy General Director*, The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Founding
Title: From Idea to Project: Tools and Opportunities for Research Funding.

Professor emeritus Luminița SILAGHI-DUMITRESCU, *President,* ANELIS Plus
Title: Access to Literature and the Dissemination of Scientific Results based on Transformative Agreements

Expert Ioana RUSU, *Training sessions coordinator*, ERASMUS+ Office
Title: ERASMUS+ Mobility Programs—An Important Opportunity for the Internationalization of Doctoral Studies at the School of Advanced Studies of the Romanian Academy

10³⁰- 13⁰⁰ ***Plenary papers – Part II***

Full Professor Jaime GIL LAFUENTE, University of Barcelona, Spain
Title: Marketing algorithmique et exposition aux écrans : causalité indirecte dans la morbidité pédiatrique à travers les effets oubliés

Full Professor Víctor Raúl LÓPEZ RUIZ, University de Castilla La Mancha, Spain
Title: Beyond Traditional Economic Indicators: Measuring Place-Based Subjective Well-Being

Full Professor Da HOU, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Republic of China
Title: Value creation in Digital Economy

Full Professor Tetiana VASYLIEVA, Head of the Research Center for Socio-Economic Policy & Innovations, Hamburg, Germany
Title: Artificial Intelligence and the Changing Paradigm of Scientific Publishing: Research Quality, Competitiveness and Integrity

Full Professor Mile VASIC, SRH University, Berlin, Germany
Title: From Knowledge to Economic Impact: Connecting Academia, Business and Public Policy

Friday, October 16th, 2026, 9.30 a.m. / Vineri, 16 octombrie 2026, ora 9,30

Continuation of Proceedings of International Conference on parallel sessions

Within each session of the Program the papers were listed in alphabetical order by the family name of the first author. The order of presentation of the papers within each session is established by the moderators.

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3. Knowledge, innovation, smart development and human capital

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13. Mountain areas sustainable development

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15. Business ethics and corporate social responsibility

Conference schedule

Abstract submission	**10th September 2026**
Notification of acceptance/rejection	**10th October 2026**
International Conference	**15th October 2026 – Plenary Session** **16th October 2026 – Parallel Sessions**
Paper Submissions	**20th January 2027**
Notification of: **- acceptance;** **- acceptance with minor changes;** **- acceptance with major changes;** **- rejection.**	**20th February 2027**
Paper Submissions - final version after review	**10th March 2027**

Paper Submission

Authors are invited to submit full text papers that report original unpublished research, which are not under consideration for publication elsewhere. For Romanian contributors, the Romanian language version of the paper is also required. The official languages of the conference are English and Romanian.

The **abstract** should be submitted until **10th September 2026**, to the following email address: espera@ince.ro. In the e-mail message accompanying the paper the author must submit the **registration of participation**, including:

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Conference section:

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ZOOM DETAILS - ESPERA 2026

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Plenary Session

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86421923894?pwd=nIXiajraWkWWKZRyVvRc1OuEb3lfx5.1
Meeting ID: 864 2192 3894
Passcode: 286214

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Conference Session 1. Romania's sustainable economic and social development. Models, scenarios, evaluations

https://zoom.us/j/97164409681?pwd=CPRuk8ULlDSqMkSaMODuTq2KOVXAsP.1
Meeting ID: 971 6440 9681
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Conference Session 2. Natural resources patrimony - costs and benefits of its valorisation

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83146641675?pwd=vNc3uaHmnavMDBa8WHuwljNs5K1hn0.1
Meeting ID: 831 4664 1675
Passcode: 858667

Conference Session 3. Knowledge, innovation, smart development and human capital

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Meeting ID: 894 4874 8380
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Conference Session 4. Economy dynamics and structural changes for a competitive growth

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Meeting ID: 890 5885 2044
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Conference Session 5. European integration and globalisation - new challenges

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Meeting ID: 844 7623 5594
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Conference Session 6. Economic instability and stabilisation policies

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Meeting ID: 843 8265 6122
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Conference Session 7. Development and improvement of economic and social forecasting tools

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Meeting ID: 886 0739 9656
Passcode: 990780

Conference Session 8. Food safety and security - challenges for agriculture economic development

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86169072401?pwd=wacPagYrkTaOMNtSsPn1aLzr7s73sP.1
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Conference Session 9. Assessment of economic-social and political experiences and thoughts

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Passcode: 836572

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Meeting ID: 839 6370 2966
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Conference Session 13. Mountains areas sustainable development

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Conference Session 14. PhD and post PhD students debates

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Meeting ID: 889 0488 2635
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Conference Session 15. Business ethics and corporate social responsibility

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Meeting ID: 837 5899 1948
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Proceedings into parallel sessions, starting at 9.30 a.m.

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- **Silvia DEDU, Carmen Adriana GHEORGHE, Alina RĂDOI, Tsotne ZHGHENTI** - *A Multidimensional Analysis of the Real Economic Convergence Process from the Perspective of Sustainable Development Goals;*
- **Darius Mihail GHEOCA, Elena Corina CIPU, Antonela TOMA** - *Demographic Dynamics in the Ramsey-Cass-Koopmans Model: A Spectral Numerical Approach;*
- **Carmen Adriana GHEORGHE, Sorin AVRAM, Alina RĂDOI, Mihaela Georgiana OPREA, Sónia Paula DA SILVA NOGUEIRA** - *Growth Poles and Regional Labour Markets in Romania;*
- **Mihaela Hrisanta MOSORA, Brenda-Andreea PIUARU, Irina GRANZULEA, Liviu Cosmin MOSORA** - *Family Policies and Fertility Decisions in Romania: A Demoeconomic Perspective;*

- **Imran NASIR, Muhammad SHERAZ** - *Extreme Value Analysis of Demographic Shocks and Economic Vulnerability;*
- **Mihaela Georgiana OPREA, Mihaela Irma VLĂDESCU** - *Poverty as a Driver of Territorial Mobility: Evidence from Romania's Development Regions;*
- **Ruxandra POP, Audrone ISPYRIAN, Steliana RODINO** - *European Perspectives on Social Indicators of Sustainable Agriculture;*
- **Florentin ȘERBAN, Massimiliano FERRARA, Bogdan-Petru VRÎNCEANU** - *Economic and Demographic Analysis of Population Aging: An Integrated Mathematical Model of Labor Market and Social System Sustainability;*
- **Muhammad SHERAZ, Vasile PREDA, Silvia DEDU** - *Demographic Dynamics through Information Theory and Heavy-Tailed Distributions;*
- **Alexandru SIN-SCHNEIDER, Yanwen TAN** - *Food Security Strategies of the European Union and China, with Evidence from Romania;*
- **Alexandru SIN SCHNEIDER, Carmen Adriana GHEORGHE, Mihaela VLADESCU, Steliana RODINO** - *Generational Renewal in Agriculture and the European Green Deal;*
- **Bogdan ȘTEFAN** - *Demoeconomic Dynamics and the Transition to Sustainable Consumption: Adaptive Marketing Models for a Sustainable Society;*
- **Sudradjat SUPIAN, Vasile PREDA, Carmen Adriana GHEORGHE** - *Population Ageing and the Capacity of Long-Term Care Services;*
- **Laura TICOIU, Steliana RODINO** - *Research Trends and Demographic Challenges of the Agricultural Workforce in the European Union;*
- **Anna-Maria VASILE** - *Regenerating and Developing Romanian Villages through Integrated Territorial Interventions: Functional Typologies, Housing and Service Packages, and Repopulation Mechanisms;*
- **Mihaela Irma VLĂDESCU, Mihaela Georgiana OPREA** - *Demographic Change, Migration and Labour Market Participation in Romania: Implications for Economic Development;*
- **Bogdan-Petru VRÎNCEANU, Florentin ȘERBAN, Massimiliano FERRARA** - *Nonlinear Dynamic Modeling in Demoeconomics: Population Shifts, Economic Equilibrium, and Policy Optimization.*

SESSION 13 / SESIUNEA 13 MOUNTAINS AREAS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT / DEZVOLTAREA SUSTENABILĂ A ZONELOR MONTANE
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- **Irina Simona AIONESĂ, Mihaela BOBOC** - *Agricultural Pollutants and Their Effects on Water Quality in Mountain Ecosystems;*
- **Paul ALBU** - *Education as the Final Stronghold of Mountain Communities: How Schools, Identity, and Non-Formal Learning Impact the Survival of Carpathian Villages;*
- **Iuliana ALUPEI** - *Harvesting of Wild Flora in Mountain Ecosystems: Research Gaps and Perspectives for the Dornelor Basin*;
- **Manuela APETREI, Ioan SURDU** - *The Influence of Mass Media on Reducing Food Waste in Mountain Areas: Implications for Food Retail, HoReCa and the Agri-Food Industry;*
- **Carmen CĂTUNĂ BOCA** - *A Different Approach is Possible but also Necessary Producer Groups in the Context of Sustainable Development;*
- **Diana-Cerasela BAMBOI** - *The Socio-Economic Impact of the Mineral Water Industry on Regional Development – The Dornelor Basin;*
- **Mihaela BOBOC** - *Protected Natural Areas as a Factor in the Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas;*
- **Alexandru CORDOȘ** - *The Future of Mountain Areas: Policies and Legislation. An Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development and Resilience;*
- **Brîndușa COVACI, Florin BORODAN, Radu BREJEA, Mihai COVACI** - *Economic Diagnostic Analysis Related to Agro-Rural Entrepreneurs Beneficiaries of External Funds from Bihor County;*
- **Elena MOROȘAN, Violeta POPOVICI, Ioana Andreea POPESCU, Andreea RUSU, Adriana DARABAN, Oana KARAMPELAS, Liviu Marian MATAC, Monica LICU, Larisa-Marina Elisabeth CHIRIGIU, Sînziana OPRIȚESCU, Elena Iuliana IONIȚĂ, Alina SAULEAN, Maria NIȚESCU** - *Perception, Trust, and Motivation in Consumer Behavior for Organic Food Acquisition: An Exploratory Study;*
- **Doru NECULA** - *Valorization of Agri-Food by-Products in Dairy Products: Nutritional, Functional, Technological and Sustainability Perspectives;*
- **Bogdan-Mihai NEGREA** - *From Biodiversity to Shared Prosperity: Medicinal Plants as High-Value Renewable Resources for Competitiveness and Well-Being in the Romanian Carpathians;*

- **Emanuela-Adina NICULA** - *From Policy Ambition to Implementation: Assessing Strategic Coherence for Sustainable Development in Romania's Mountain Areas;*
- **Radu REY, Otilia MANTA** - *Financing the Transition towards Competitive and Resilient Mountain Economies. The Role of EU and National Funding Instruments in Sustainable Value Creation and Well-being in the Romanian Carpathians;*
- **Adrian-Radu REY, Ioan I. GÂF-DEAC** - *Sustainable Development and Economic Resilience in Mountain Areas: from Measuring Territorial Performance to an Integrated Development Model Based on Integrated Territorial Investments;*
- **Dan Constantin ȘUMOVSCHI** - *Same Rural Experience, Different Rules? Institutional Asymmetry between Local Gastronomic Points and Agro-Tourist Guesthouses in Romania;*
- **Monica Alexandra ŢARENCO (MATEI), Brîndușa COVACI, Radu BREJEA, Mihai COVACI** - *Extraction from Plants by Active Principles. Case Studies for Rosehip and Lingonberry from the Pădurea Craiului Mountains;*
- **Dănuț UNGUREANU** - *The "Mountain Product" Quality Term – An Instrument for the Sustainable Valorisation of Resources and the Development of the Mountain Economy in Romania;*
- **Mădălina UNGUREANU-IUGA, Emanuela-Adina NICULA** - *Optimization of Chokeberry Pomace–Inulin Cream Cheese.*

SESSION 14 / SESIUNEA 14
MASTER, PHD AND POST PHD STUDENTS DEBATES / SESIUNE DE DEZBATERI DOCTORANZI ȘI CERCETĂTORI POSTDOCTORALI
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- **Mihaela-Carmen BOBOC** - *Neuromarketing and Competitiveness. The Influence of Mental Availability on Consumer Behavior;*
- **Ioan BULZ** - *The Economic Costs of Institutional Crime in the EU-27: A Panel Analysis of Tax Burden, the Shadow Economy and Convergence;*
- **Corina CHIRONACHI** - *Earmarking or Absorption of Moldova's Environmental Tax Revenues. Evidence from Budget Execution Data;*
- **Monica DUTCAȘ** - *The Institutional and Fiscal-Social Governance Framework in the European Union;*
- **Elena-Onuța FRUNZĂ (SAVA)** - *The Limitations of Contractual Autonomy for Professionals in the Context of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste;*
- **Cristian GHENA** - *Industrial Relations in Romanian Football: Structural Pressures, Competitive Expansions and the Need for a Modernized Labour Governance Framework;*
- **Cristian GHENA -** *A Geometric Interpretation of Industrial Relations: The Equilateral Triangle as a Model of Institutional Balance;*
- **Dorina GHEORGHE -** *A Critical Look at Sustainable Development from a Humanist Perspective;*
- **Ibrahim M.I. KHARIS, Adrian NEGREA, Adriana GIURGIU -** *Cryptocurrency Adoption and International Competitiveness: Empirical Evidence from Bilateral Trade Flows and Institutional Factors;*
- **Congxi LI, Jiaxing NING, Yanwen TAN -** *Does Expansion of Opening-up Restructure the Global Value Chains Specialization: Industry-level Evidence from China;*
- **Jiaxi LI, Liru CHEN, Yanwen TAN -** *Does Greater Grain Abundance Ensure Dietary Health? - The Impact of Grain Crop Production Efficiency on Residents' Dietary Health;*
- **Aurora MOLDOVEANU (COJOCARIU)** - *Financing the Green Transition without Fiscal Space: Competitiveness, Welfare and Central Bank Involvement;*

- **Maria-Magdolna MACULA -** *The Invisible Gap: Urban-Rural Disparities and Their Impact on Educational Performance in Romania;*
- **Simona MOAGĂR-POLADIAN, Natalia-Nicoleta OGREAN (NEAMȚU), Monica Iulia OEHLER-ȘINCAI, Viorel GLIGOR, Alexandru-Sabin NICULA** - *The Contribution of Artificial Intelligence to Economic Growth in Europe: An Analysis of Market Expansion, Investment and Technology Adoption;*
- **Mihaela NICOLAE (BALOTĂ), Firdaus ABDULLAH** - *Cash Dependence and Financial Inclusion in the Context of Uneven Development: Evidence from Romania and the European Union, 2007–2025;*
- **Eduard POPA** - *Romania's Cooperation with the International Labour Organization during the Interwar Period (1919–1939);*
- **Lucian STROE** - *Tax Evasion and Effects on Competitiveness and Well-Being in Romania;*
- **Sudradjat SUPIAN, Massimiliano FERRARA, Mădălina SĂMĂRGHIȚAN (SÎRBU)** - *Analysis of Inequalities and Segmentation of Disparities in the Education System in Romania;*
- **Ana-Maria UDREA (COATU)** - *The Impact of Inflation on the Urban-Rural Income Gap. ARDL and VAR Models;*
- **Shilong YANG, Yanwen TAN** - *The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from China.*

SESSION 15 / SESIUNEA 15
BUSINESS ETHICS AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY / ETICA ÎN AFACERI ȘI RESPONSABILITATEA SOCIALĂ A COMPANIILOR

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- **Abdelfatah Said ARMAN, Osama SOHAIB, Mohamed Sheriff Hamid KAMARA** - *Corporate Social Responsibility Project Location and Firm Profitability in Indian Firms: A Further Examination of the Determinants;*
- **Roxana-Mihaela CATEA** - *Legal Remedies and Deadlock Prevention in LLCs: An Analysis from the Perspective of Business Stability and Corporate Ethics;*
- **Florin-Nicolas CERGAN** - *Artificial Intelligence in Corporate Management and the Economic Costs of Lacking Human Oversight: An Analysis from the Perspective of the Duty of Care and Regulation (EU) 2024/1689;*
- **Adriana GRIGORESCU, Cristina LINCARU** - *Ethical AI in Labour Markets: Fairness, Skills and Social Inclusion;*
- **Jalal Rajeh HANAYSHA, Tahseen ARSHI** - *Strategic and Ethical Pathways to Business Growth: The Role of Green Innovation, Corporate Social Responsibility and Brand Transparency;*
- **Gheorghe HURDUZEU, Aliona BÎRCĂ, Liliana LAZARI, Christiana Brigitte SANDU** - *Environmental Risk Strategies between Sustainable Reporting and Corporate Responsibility;*
- **Shafra JAUFFER, Hiranya DISSANAYAKE, Anuradha IDDAGODA** - *The Impact of Remote Working Outcomes on Corporate Sustainable Performance: Evidence from Emerging Economies;*
- **W.M.D.T.K. WIJEKOON, Hiranya DISSANAYAKE** - *Determinants And its Impact on Green Purchase Behavior with Green Purchase Intention as Mediator: Evidence from Management Undergraduates in Sri Lanka;*
- **Octavian POPESCU** - *Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Ethics in Romania: The Role of the Legal Framework in Promoting Responsible Corporate Conduct;*
- **Gina Elena ZLATE** - *Financial Auditing as a Mean of Harmonizing Sustainability Reporting and Tax Compliance.*

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