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The economies of developing countries between the Global Financial Crisis (2008-2009) and COVID-19 crisis: Consequences and solutions- empirical evidence from Egyptian Economy

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**Purpose** – The current study aims basically to analyze how the global financial crisis (2008-2009) and COVID-19 crisis affected the economies of developing countries by focusing on the Egyptian economy as a case study, as well as exploring the main measurements and solutions that were introduced for the consequences of these crises.

**Design/methodology/approach** – To conduct an in-depth exploration of the economic consequences of the GFC (2008-2009) and the COVID-19 crisis on the Egyptian economy by answering the research questions, qualitative case study methodology is employed in the current paper.

Findings – Based on the economic literature and the economic governmental websites that were reviewed and the objectives of this paper, the current paper provided more insights into the similarities and differences between the two crises, furthermore, explored the impacts of the GFC (2008-2009) and the COVID-19 crisis on the Egyptian economy, and finally, determining the financial, monetary and economic procedures and measures taken by the Egyptian government to overcome the two crises. What's more, the data yielded concludes that there are several differences and similarities between these two crises, moreover, the current study concluded that the Egyptian economic growth rate, the contraction of international trade and the export sector, the investment from abroad, the revenues of the Suez Canal, tourism, as well as the sectoral growth rates have been seriously affected by both crises. Despite these great impacts on the Egyptian economy, the Egyptian government introduced a package of programs and plans to deal with these crises.

**Study limitations** – Current study focused only on the Egyptian economy and on the economic consequences of the first wave of Coronavirus.

**Originality/value** – This study fills one of the main research gaps in the economic literature through conducting a comprehensive comparison between the GFC (2008-2009) and the COVID-19 crisis to explore their impacts on the Egyptian economy.

Keywords: Economic Consequences/ Global Financial Crisis/ COVID-19 / Egyptian Economy JEL: A10

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Sustainability of National Park and Tourism Development: - A Systematic Review on Bale Mountain National Park, Ethiopia

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National park and sustainable tourism development can't be separated in achieving and maintaining economic, social and better environmental condition. Despite the profound achievement the sustainability of both national park and tourism service is under severe threat. This study aimed to investigate the sustainability of national park and tourism development in Bale mountain national park: by examining the effect of tourism marketing on sustainability of both national park and sustainable tourism development. Systematic literature review has applied to indentify relevant literature using Scopus, webscience and Google scholar from 2010-2021. Based on 934 article result it was discovered that there is no any article that specifically titled "national park and sustainable tourism development". The study revealed that adapting and implementing tourism marketing for national park and sustainable tourism remains in infancy and resulted in failure to bring sustainable tourism development in Bale mountain national park. This review concludes that tourism marketing is one of the key strategies for sustainability of national park and advancement of tourism sector.

Keywords: sustainable tourism development, tourism marketing, National Park.

**JEL: Z32** 

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The role of culture in organizational social networks

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In the past decade, there has been an explosion of interest in the analysis of organizations as

networks of interpersonal relationships. Assuming that these networks of communication

between employees are the "hardware," or with other words, the system of channels through

which different content flows, culture can be interpreted as the "software" that spreads across

the network. Actors pass on values, stories, behaviors, and attitudes to each other through their

interactions. Networks have a close and intertwined relationship with the national culture of

their external context and with the organizational culture that, on the other hand, can be

interpreted as their internal context. Therefore, in the common intersections of organizational

network analysis and cultural research, several interesting questions can be raised. (1) How do

networks shape organizational culture? How does the structure and density of the network or

the number of cliques and key players affect the homogeneity, spread, and evolution of culture?

(2) What cultural elements are spreading in the networks? (3) How does organizational culture

shape networks? How do values and systems of norms affect the rules for establishing,

maintaining, or terminating new relationships? What types of relationships become taboo in

the organization, or how does the network serve to punish those who break the norms? (4)

What values and attributes help certain network players stand out, what makes nodes with

informal power? How does national or organizational culture influence this?

Keywords: organizational social networks, interpersonal relationships, culture

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Modelling Topics on the Effect of Transformational and Transactional Leadership Behaviors on Innovation Using the Topic-Modeling-Tool-Mallet

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The global marketplace is undergoing rapid change. Therefore, adapting to market

developments is critical for businesses to remain successful. In addition, rapid technological

advancements have compelled businesses and organizations to seek and explore competitive

advantages via developing novel processes and products to increase their base and maintain

profitability in the face of tough competition. Thus, innovation and leadership styles are

becoming increasingly crucial for businesses in general and those in the information

technology industry.

The main goal of this paper is to model topics on the effect of transformational and transactional

leadership behaviours on Innovation. The method used for the document sample content

analysis is text mining with Mallet Topic Modelling Tool; ten topics are modelled using the

tool. The paper gives a detailed explanation of the topic modelling process used to determine

the relevancy of the document sample for finding the most relevant topics. The document

sample consists of 101 abstracts from secondary research sources, indexed in Ebsco Discovery

Service. For the generation of the document sample, predefined filters and strict criteria have

been applied. In their generic way, three organizational functions are considered: Leadership

behaviours, Innovation, and the IT sector. The results show that the document sample is

suitable for in-depth qualitative content analysis.

Conclusion: Mallet Topic Modelling solution is a highly efficient text mining tool for

determining if the document sample is chosen appropriately. It gives an opportunity in a short

period to investigate a vast amount of text. Preparation of the document sample for text mining

is relatively easy. In determining the text, the topics researcher should have appropriate domain

knowledge of the research subject.

Keywords: Transformational; Transactional; leadership; Voyant Tools; Innovation; Topic

Modelling; Mallet; Text Mining.

JEL: C2, O31, M1, M15.

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Inclusive attitude and its measurement opportunities from a social marketing

perspective

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My doctoral research topic is related to social marketing, which is about achieving behavior

change of the members of society in a way that brings positive change for both society and the

individuals. Due to the nature of the topic, it requires a multidisciplinary approach. Based on

the literature, attitudes play an outstanding role among the factors which affect behavior, thus

its study is essential to properly influence people's behavior. My research examines the

inclusive attitude towards people with disabilities. The present study deals with its

characteristics and measurement possibilities, and describes the results of my preliminary

research in this field.

Keywords: social marketing, disability, attitudes, social inclusion

JEL: A13, D63, J14, M39

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# The interaction effect of Information Disclosure and Transparency and Corporate Sustainability in Vietnam

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**Purpose**: In most countries, a large amount of information, both mandatory and voluntary, is compiled on publicly traded and large unlisted enterprises and subsequently disseminated to a broad range of users. Information transparency ensures that market players all have the opportunity to access the same information to come up with their assessment of the firm's financial situation, performance, and risks to reach effective investment decisions. Given this condition, this study's objective is to provide a review concept regarding the relationship between disclosure and transparency and corporate sustainability.

**Design/methodology**: This research used the systematic narrative review method and investigated the levels of impact of determinants on information disclosure and transparency to achieve business sustainability in Vietnam's setting. Numerous studies in corporate governance and firm performance have focused mainly on listed companies. The current study focuses on a neglected sector in assessing the effect of corporate governance practices on unlisted public companies' performance in a turbulent economic and pandemic situation. Through this examination of these companies, we provide the first extensive sample comparison of listed and unlisted public firms; therefore, we can take a more comprehensive view of corporate governance practices.

**Findings**: The expected results show that corporate governance regulation on disclosure and transparency in Vietnam has been improved, but the enforcement still needs to be optimized because sound corporate governance will positively impact corporate sustainability. Thus, sustainability requires more corporate innovation because sustainability is about how a company can create profits and value-added to society through corporate governance and how the company can contribute to the preservation of nature and the environment. In Vietnam, combining driving indicators for corporate governance – such as firm size, ownership structure, leverage, takeover activities, or board size – and capturing endogeneity and reverse causation, we provide evidence that there is a significantly positive relationship between disclosure and transparency on corporate governance and also sustainability.

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**Research limitations/implications:** 

Practical implications: companies need to reassess their CG mechanism whether they are

spending on disclosure and transparency activities on CG practices or hiding their financial

malfeasance in the name of investment in CG. This study provides important insights into

implementing a good corporate governance practice in achieving corporate sustainability in

Vietnam.

Limitation: In the future, the results should be validated by researchers using quantitative

methods in which the corporate performances are measured by the market-to-book value of

equity and total shareholder return.

Keywords: corporate governance practices, disclosure and transparency, sustainability,

unlisted companies.

JEL: M12, M13, M14, M16

An introduction to Circular Economy and Sustainable Development: A systematic literature review

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Over the last few years, the concepts of Circular Economy and Sustainable

Development have gained increasing attention from decision-makers and researchers in

industrialized countries while dealing with the issues of environmental deterioration,

population growth, depletion of natural resources, and climate change. However,

despite the wide literature, few studies have been accomplished so far with regard to

the distinctions between both concepts retain ambiguity. With this concern, the aim of

this study is to contribute to conceptual clarity by exploring the concepts and

synthesizing the similarities and differences relationships between them. First, we will

define the concepts and provide a better understanding of the benefits of CE and how it

differs from the "Linear" Economy in terms of long-term impacts. Second, we will carry

out a systematic analysis that addresses the gap of the superficial and unorganized

relationships between CE and SD through the studies and papers on this specific issue.

In order to accomplish it, an extensive literature review and snowballing approaches

have been used for this study.

Keywords: Circular Economy, Sustainable Development, Linear Economy, Economic

growth, Environmental degradation, Social well-being

JEL: F63, F64

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The methodological issues of the effects of the pandemic on pension security

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In 2020, another economic crisis shook the world, the depth of which may exceed that of the

2008 crisis. At the same time, this recession is different from the previous ones, the extent of

the fall is not determined by the internal laws of the farms, but mainly by epidemiological

restrictions. Already as a result of the 2008 crisis, most of the elements of the currently used

anti-crisis toolbox were formed, but a new element is the increase in the coordination of

monetary and fiscal policy and the speed of their application. Economies will climb from the

low point, driven mainly by economic factors, supported by fiscal and monetary policy

instruments, but there may also be epidemiological obstacles.

Nowadays, financial literacy and financial literacy are fundamental issues in everyday speech,

as crises and their consequences have highlighted gaps in financial literacy. When we talk about

the causes of crises, we always mention the responsibility of households, companies and banks,

in addition to the responsibility of governments. One of the main reasons for these may be a

lack of financial knowledge and financial awareness. The importance of financial culture is

discussed in many articles and studies today. Each of these studies points to the importance of

financial literacy and financial literacy. Financial literacy can only be developed through

education. Pension system reform is a cardinal and remarkable topic in every country of the

European Union and is often discussed at various scientific meetings. The following study

describes the current pillars of the Hungarian pension system and uses demographic and

statistical data to detail the problems of the compulsory social security system. The main goal

of the research is to present a possible scenario of the change in pension benefits in Hungary.

Using a variety of statistics and research based on a questionnaire on economic attitudes.

Keywords: pandemic, pension security financial culture and education, modeling of state

pension systems, pension savings

JEL: E21, F61, F62, H55, J32

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Questions of creative cities in the Visegrad countries

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In my research, I look for the importance of creative industries in the cities of the Visegrád

countries. After the last economic crisis, in 2010, we witnessed settlement of higher production

capacities from developed regions to the Visegrad countries. In the cities, the broadly defined

creative industries have also appeared in large numbers, but their importance is still modest

compared to the urban economy as a whole. To understand creative cities, we need to place

them in the Central European space, which is geographically framed by moderately developed

cities. A number of questions are raised about the local specifics of the creative industries, their

connection to other sectors, especially large companies. Using practical examples, I present

the situation of the creative ecosystem of several cities, the change in recent years.

Keywords: creative economy, Visegrad countries (V4), cities, economical specialization,

spatial concentration, high added value

JEL: O18

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The impact of family support programmes on the availability of housing in Hungary

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The annual growth rate of the global population has roughly halved in the last fifty years. The

declining childbearing rate is also leading to an increasing aging of society and, in many cases,

to a contraction of the population, a process which largely determines the economic and social

situation of a given country. Despite the increase in fertility in recent years in the Central and

Eastern European region and in Hungary, the childbearing rate is extremely low, so it is worth

examining the changes in the factors influencing fertility in Hungary, within which my analysis

specifically examines the housing dimensions. In my study, I briefly present the state family

support programmes that have been gradually introduced since 2010 - primarily the structure

of the Housing Subsidy for Families and the prenatal baby support loan - and point out the

channels through which these programmes could help increase fertility. The most recent

programmes offer mostly housing-related loans and grants, so I'll look at how the availability

of housing for those looking to start a family has changed over the past ten years. On the one

hand, I present the changes in Housing Affordability Index and the time required to collect own

resources for housing in recent years, and the extent to which the average installment has

changed due to variable interest rates and the average share of housing costs in a family budget.

Keywords: fertility, housing costs, state support, lending

JEL: J13, R21, H71

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Study of capital structure theories

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Companies are compelled to use various internal and external elements of capital in their life

cycles. A particular business of course will use the resource with the help of which it can create

a value generating process and thereby contribute to the growth of a particular commercial or

trade sector. The response of trade competitors is also important in this period as if firms fail

to provide the adequate response to the changes around them, they may easily fall victims to

liquidation or a bankruptcy procedure, which as it can be admitted is not favourable for either

the companies in the market or the consumers.

According to several technical papers a business's income generating ability is influenced by

its major decisions related to its financial decisions, internal and external financing options,

financing strategies and forms as well as the basic principles and the capital structure of

financing. As it goes, a company undergoes several life-cycles. As our business starts to evolve,

increasingly more alternatives offer themselves to have the business continuity of our operation

influenced, which we can use only to a certain extent as overuse would increase the risks

inherent in business operation.

Continuity of the operation of small and medium-sized companies requires capital and it makes

a difference where this capital comes from and in what ways. Capital structure theories help to

gain a broader picture of this.

Keywords: life-cycle, financing, profitability, capital structure, capital structure theories.

JEL: G30, G32

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Value-creation processes effect of enterprise financing forms

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The operating of enterprises changed a lot until today, and is still undergoing changes currently.

There are, however, perspectives and topics that are unchanged. Still, the creation of a

financing scheme for an enterprise, or the tailoring of an existing one to suit its needs remains

as a topic of critical importance in said enterprise's operation.

Different financing methods have various advantages and disadvantages. Therefore, we can't

point one out as the generally optimal structure. Optimisation always needs to be explored

based on the enterprise's life cycle phase, market- and other factors relevant for the enterprise,

and other perspectives. The value creation process is influenced strongly by the type of resource

used, meaning for any enterprise, the choice will fall on the one optimal for its specific

conditions.

The profitability of enterprises is also influenced by several factors. In this study, the authors

focus on analysing the effects enterprise financing forms have on enterprise operations. The

authors take the enterprise's operational conditions into consideration for this. During the

development of the enterprise, the options for financing begin to increase, which results in

more opportunities to intervene in enterprise operation.

Excessively relying on financing options highly increases operational risks of the enterprise.

Therefore, these tools should be handled with proper limitations. Irresponsible usage may even

result in the discontinuation of said enterprise, which has a negative impact not only on other

market actors, but consumers as well.

Keywords: life cycle, financing, financing strategy, profitability, liquidity

JEL: G30, G32

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Lean is a tool in strategic management at multinational companies

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In our globalizing and rapidly developing world economy, the emergence of new

developments, optimizations and innovations is now almost commonplace for companies.

These activities help companies stay competitive in ever-sharpening markets. Global thinking

and global operations become a critical factor in the lives of companies. Their business

activities are cross-border, which takes many forms. We can talk about cross-border co-

operations, strategic alliances, joint ventures, various inter-company and trade co-operations,

international developments, acquisitions of start-up companies. As a result, international,

multinational, transnational and global companies can be established, where strategic

developments and optimizations also play an important role. One such strategy is the hugely

popular lean strategy. A lean strategy is simply a plan of action meant to accomplish a broader

purpose. In that sense, lean thinking is clearly a strategy. It is a set of principles and practices

systematically used at adding more value with less waste every day. In my study, I provide a

comprehensive picture of the developmental history and principles of lean. In my research, I

place great emphasis on presenting the experience gained in a multinational company, where

lean is a tool for the strategic management of the company. The aim of this publication is to

present strategies that can be used to optimize and increase the efficiency of a multinational

company, focusing mainly on the solution options provided by lean. The study aims to

contribute to the understanding of the operation of a multinational company, the application of

lean thinking in strategic management.

Keywords: lean, optimization, strategy, multinational, strategic management

JEL: F23, L1

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The impact of Capital structure on Jordanian banks profitability

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This paper studies the impact of capital structure which is represented by 5 indicators like total

liabilities to total assets ratio (LTA), equity to total assets ratio (ETA), total equity to total

deposits ratio (ETD), tangibility ratio (fixed assets to total assets) and growth ((total assets

current year – Total Assets previous year) to total assets) previous year)on profitability

represented by 3 indicators like return on assets (ROA), return on equity (ROE) and earnings

per share (EPS) of listed banks in the Amman Stock Exchange (ASE). The data were collected

from annual reports of the banks, Amman Stock Exchange database and Central Bank of Jordan

annual report. The panel data of 13 listed banks in the period 2016-2020 were analyzed

efficiently and properly. Showing a full descriptive statistic that showed the LTA ratio accounts

for a high proportion of the total capital 89% and the research results indicate that the debt ratio

negatively impacts financial performance. Therefore, managers should consider reducing the

debt ratio in the bank's capital structure. Using pearson correlation model to showed a

significant correlations between capital structure variables and profitability variables. The

model was also regressed by regression model to show that the capital structure is significantly

effects profitability for banks listed in Amman Stock Exchange - ASE and also showed a

significant regression in all models to conclude a significant relationship between capital

structure components and profitability indicators.

Keywords: Capital Structure; Profitability; Commercial Banks; Jordan

JEL: E22; G10; G21; G30; G32.

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Analysis of the supply of shopping communities in Hungary

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Since the spring of 2020, the functioning of society and the economy has changed worldwide

as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, which many say has had a beneficial effect on the

functioning of the short supply chain.

A new type of short supply chain is the shopping community. Shopping communities are NGOs

that help sell local products. Local products are sold online by shopping communities.

Many new shopping communities have been established in Hungary in the last two years. The

successful operation of shopping communities is determined by the amount of offer they can

display in the webshop. The study presents in more detail the offer of the Hungarian shopping

community with the largest supply. At the time of the study, the Hungarian shopping

community with the largest supply operated in the settlement of Dunakeszi in the Budapest

agglomeration.

Keywords: shopping community, local product, Budapest agglomeration

JEL: R11

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Impact of project preparation on project success

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My research is aimed at Hungarian privately owned medium-sized enterprises and examines

their operation during the implementation of projects, supplemented by the examination of

project failures, highlighting non-compliance with deadlines and budget overruns. Nowadays,

investments are made in the form of projects. The first phase of project is the preparation of

the project. Proper preparation affects all subsequent phases of project implementation. What

do we mean by project preparation? When we start a project, we prepare the procurement plan,

the execution schedule, the resource plan, the quality assurance control plan, and so on. One of

the most effective ways to prepare a project is to prepare a project implementation plan, in

which we define the purpose and content of the project, what documents, what tools and

resources we need. Lack of proper preparation can lead to project failure, so we need to put a

lot of emphasis on preparation. Its importance lies in the fact that if the preparation is not

adequate, the project may be delayed from the outset, which can no longer be imported, or only

at a cost, which also means the failure of the project.

The topic of project preparation partly affects my research. This study was written based on

the responses to the interviews and my own experience.

Keywords: project, project preparation, project implementation, schedule, project failure.

JEL: O15, D2

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## The Influence of Central Bank's Digital Currency on Monetary Policy

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Based on the relevant experience and research in other countries, Russia should be carefully designing its own version of digital currency and issuance mechanism with a purpose of not disrupting financial intermediation. The established operational and clearing center for processing payments and other infrastructure projects of the Bank of Russia indicate the technological readiness of the regulator to introduce a central bank digital currency despite the absence of specific deadlines. The article discusses the results of modeling monetary policy under the circulation of digital currency based on the applied agent-based model Eurace. The authors present an algorithm of interaction between economic agents in the framework of the demand for digital currency. An increase in the efficiency of monetary policy is achieved by increasing competition and changing the funding structure of bank intermediaries.

Keywords: central bank digital currency, monetary policy, monetary transmission mechanism JEL: E42

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## FiLiX: A National Composite Financial Literacy Index

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Financial literacy has been discussed frequently in academia for the last couple of decades. Even though the majority of the research works are conducted to understand individuals financial decisions, financial literacy has implications on the state of the national economy. In this research work, I find a national composite index to financial literacy and call it "FiLiX". I follow OECD's approach in defining financial literacy by which I include factors showing the overall financial knowledge, financial behaviors, and financial attitudes of a nation. I also use the penalty of bottleneck to strengthen the index's ties to the reality. FiLiX is designed to make cross-country comparisons on financial literacy simpler and faster as to date surveys are only being used. It can also serve as a factor in understanding how to improve financial inclusion, as an indicator to a country's human financial capital, and as a basis to national scale policymaking activities.

Keywords: Financial Literacy, Economic Development, Human Capital, Index, Penalty for

Bottleneck, Comparative Country Studies

JEL: A20, E71, G40, G53, J24, O50, O57

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Increasing efficiency at a retail company by analyzing reverse logistics

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Nowadays, logistics in the narrower sense, or the whole supply chain in a broader sense, plays

a key role in the viability of companies and the perception of consumers. The supply chain is

no longer just an ancillary activity to get raw materials and finished products to the consumer

through the members of the supply chain, but rather a flow of materials and information that

uses resources as efficiently as possible along the value chain. Of course, in terms of the costs

incurred, transportation costs largely determine the final selling price, so logistics is already a

priority for all companies. In parallel, in contrast, information, goods and packaging flow from

consumers in the supply chain, which they have to collect, use or dispose of. In our research,

we focus on the efficiency of this backflow activity. We examine the currently operating

process of the selected company using a data collection method. Based on the collected data,

we looked for the correlations between the different variables, taking into account which more

efficient operation can be achieved in return logistics. At the end of the study, the specific data

and correlations obtained were followed for general operating principles that could be useful

for the operation of any other company.

Keywords: Reverse logistic, Supply chain, Distribution, Data analysing

JEL: D30

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## Bibliographic overview on the dilemmas of Hungary's accession to euro area

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The authors provide comprehensive overview on the experiences of the previously accessed countries to the euro area by a thorough bibliographic research and context. The detailed economic literature specifies the advantages and disadvantages of the adoption of euro, the conditions of fulfilling Maastricht criteria, and the time horizon when the euro-adoption may be a timely issue as well should the as floating exchange rate mechanism be maintained. In terms of the latter there are several alternatives: the full floating exchange rate system (in case of Poland, Romania, Hungary), controlled floating mechanism (in case of Czechia, Croatia), and fixed exchange rate regime (in case of Bulgaria), before the adoption. Earlier papers of the authors specified those situations that are more favourable for to give up the own, national monetary policy to the common European monetary policy.

Furthermore, some of the lessons and experiences of Slovakia, Italy, Spain, Ireland, the Baltic States and Greece are adoptable in the so-called unorthodox Hungarian economic system. These questions are very timely as well as whether it is beneficial or not for Hungary to remain out from the euro area for long-run.

Therefore, theoretical backgrounds specified in the study can offer solutions for the national economies that are in critical situation and to their actors.

Keywords: euro, adoption, euro area, reference/ economical literature, macroeconomics JEL: R1, R5, O4, G18, E63

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**Development of the Ethereum Blockchain Based Ecosystem** 

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Ethereum is a decentralized, open-source blockchain with smart contract functionality, which

operates since 2015. The platform allows the installation of permanent and unchangeable

decentralized applications, which users may use to interact with each other in a variety of ways.

The native coin of the platform is the Ethereum (ETH), which has the second largest market

capitalization after Bitcoin in 2021. The Ethereum Request for Comments 20 (ERC-20) token

standard allows the creation of fungible and non-fungible tokens on the blockchain. Several

cryptocurrencies use fungible tokens at this platform to create their own coin supply. Non-

fungible tokens (NFTs) are used for the representation of unique digital or phisical objects, like

a digital property or a work of art. NFTs revolutionized the gaming industry and established a

new business segment in the collection of works of fine art. An open source development called

Ethereum 2.0 is underway, which is expected to significantly increase the network's

transmission speed, allowing tens of thousands of transactions per second to be processed. The

Ethereum platform is suitable to efficiently run and manage decentalized finance (DeFi)

applications, which created a comprehensive and quickly developing ecosystem. The paper

examines the technological, economic and social challanges of the ecosystem, and the

regulatory issues of DeFi services, smart contracts and income taxation at national and

international level.

Keywords: Ethereum, blockchain, decentralized finance, cryptocurrency regulation

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Real Options Role in Leader-member Exchange, Psychological Contract Breach, and Counterproductive Work Behavior: How do they work?

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Human resource management (HRM) has always been included as the pivotal elements of the value chain that functioned for the organizations has been a vital, and even more demanding for in the organizations with emerging economy. HR based on resourcebased view act as strategic resources in an organization by earning the remarkable returns through matchlessly uniqueness and value. The healthy HRM process and practices will administer the organization performance and reflected in the higher growth of theorganization across multi-faceted measurements, a multifaceted and applicable research and practice, that bridges the learning process, well-being of people and different social collectives, performance of the organizations both profit and not-profit, cities, and even the nation. Linked HR to real-options theory, the form of uncertainty tasks and source of risks is training and development that is embedded to the obligation of the organization to the employee. The failure to provide this T&D is a breach, which led the employee to start distrusting their employer. This affects the quality of leadermember exchange and trigger the employee for counterproductive work behavior.

Keywords: real-options, human capital, leader-member exchange, psychological contract breach, counterproductive work behavior

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**Factors influencing the development of Fintech startups** 

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More than 90% of the most successful fintech startups have been founded in the last 10 years

and the global pandemic has given this sector a further boost. If we think of the concept of

fintech today, we are not just talking about digitized solutions for traditional commercial

banking roles, but a wide range of services from cryptocurrencies, through asset management,

to personal finance. In order to thoroughly analyze the development of the sector, we organized

a database of the 260 fintech startups that received the most venture capital investments. In our

analysis, we examine which service groups within the fintech topic have been able to produce

outstanding growth and which regions of the world are at the forefront of creating unicorns or

smaller successful startups. The United States and the United Kingdom play a prominent role

in the development of the sector, but in India, China and the European Union a number of

successful startups also have been able to start growing in the recent past. We also examine

how the volume and frequency of venture capital investments affect the development of fintech

startups and whether there are regional characteristics in terms of the number of investors in

the investment process. We can assume that the dynamic growth of the number of Fintech

startups is also due to the fact that the service areas themselves have multiplied, so it is possible

to gain markets in several new areas.

Keywords: fintech, startup, cryptocurrency

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Analysis of Wood Industry Project Networks with R

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In the course of the research, a network analysis of wood industry projects funded by Horizon

2020 was carried out using the R programming language. The aim was to produce an evaluable

and clear result with short and simple R code. The igraph package of R was used primarily in

the analysis. After reading the data, two nested iterations and conditional branching were used

to generate the vectors of the pairs of nodes. The adjacency matrix was then created, and, after

graphing, the connection network was written. The network of connections is also represented

graphically. Various network indicators were then calculated, and the frequency distribution of

the resulting values was evaluated. The key actors in the network were identified. At the end

of the analysis, the possible clusters of the network were also mapped.

Keywords: statistical programming, wood industry, R, project networks

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