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Background

The rapid evolution of Financial Technology (fintech) is revolutionizing the financial landscape, fundamentally reshaping how financial institutions operate, how markets function, and how regulators respond. Fintech introduces disruptive innovation, challenging traditional business models and creating unprecedented opportunities and risks for financial stakeholders. As this transformative technology continues to influence financial markets, its implications extend beyond individuals and institutions to impact economies and societies at large.

Special Issue purpose

Al Edari is pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue dedicated to exploring the intersection of finance and technology, broadly interpreted. We aim to bring together high-quality, original research that offers fresh perspectives and insights into how fintech is shaping and influencing finance and economics globally. Submissions are invited from diverse methodologies and disciplines that address this overarching theme. While theoretical studies are welcome, some preference is given to research that has implications for or relevance to practice and policy.

Topics of Interest

The special issue welcomes submissions addressing various aspects of fintech and its implications for finance. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Banking and Fintech Lending:** Innovations such as digital banking, open banking, and alternative lending platforms like crowdfunding.
- **Blockchain Technology:** Its transformative impact on transparency, efficiency, and security in financial transactions.
- **Big Data:** Harnessing large datasets for market analysis, risk management, and strategic decision-making.
- **Central Bank Digital Currencies:** Their design, adoption, and influence on monetary policy and financial stability.
- **Crowdfunding and peer-to-peer lending:** The impact, challenges and opportunities such platforms provide
- **Cryptocurrencies and Cryptoassets:** Exploring their roles, challenges, and potential within modern financial systems.
- **Financial Inclusion:** How fintech is bridging gaps in access to financial services globally.
- **Fintech and Sustainability:** Examining the contributions of fintech solutions to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) objectives.
- **Personal Finance Innovations:** The rise of robo-advisors and other digital tools empowering individual investors.
- **Machine Learning and Decision-Making:** The use of machine learning in trading, asset management, and corporate finance decisions.
- **Generative AI in Finance:** Applications of generative AI models (e.g., ChatGPT) for financial content creation, analysis, and customer engagement.

The implications of widespread fintech adoption in business and public spheres are far-reaching and complex. Therefore, we welcome a diverse range of methodological approaches, including both empirical analyses and mixed-methods research, to fully understand and address the challenges and opportunities presented by these rapidly evolving technologies. Interdisciplinary perspectives that combine insights from finance, economics, accounting, computer science, neuroscience, psychology, and other relevant fields are encouraged. Submissions should not only present novel findings but also clearly articulate the practical implications for managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. We are especially interested in research that addresses both the opportunities and challenges presented by fintech, offering balanced and nuanced perspectives on their implementation and impact.

Submission Details

The Special Issue benefits from an expedited yet rigorous double-blind peer-review process in accordance with the journal's standard review policies. Authors are expected to comply with the journal's guidelines for authors, including format and submission requirements. Detailed instructions for authors are available on the journal's website.

- **Submission Deadline:** 31 March 2025
- **1st round Decisions:** 30 April 2025
- **Revisions due:** 15 June 2025
- **Final decisions:** 30 June 2025
- **Publication date:** July 2025
- Manuscripts must be submitted through the Al Edari online submission system at

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  - **Abstract, including keywords**
  - **Introduction**

- Literature review
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Implications
- Conclusion
- Future research
- Acknowledgments
- Appendices

- **Article length:** articles submitted to this journal should be a maximum of 12,000 words in total, including abstract, tables, figures, footnotes, and references.
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  - Methodology
  - Findings
  - Originality
  - Practical implications

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