

Call for Papers for the online journal (May 9, 2016)

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The journal invites original research papers, high impact and evidence based review articles, short communications, methodological designs and letters to editor.

1. Research papers must be new and original and should not being submitted to any other journal simultaneously. A full length paper should not exceed 5000 words (Reference is excluded).
2. Review articles addressing the key issues of economic development, society and technological application which are of public interest are accepted.
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Title: Titles should be concise, short and informative. It should however reflect the main content of the study and should not exceed 90 characters in total. List the names of all authors in full.

Their affiliation should be numbered in superscript consecutively and details should come at the bottom of page as foot notes. The corresponding author should be indicated by superscript asterisk and full contact details (email and telephone number with country code) should be provided.

Abstract: Abstract should not exceed 200 words. It includes objective, methodology, major findings and conclusions in a reader friendly style. Avoid using unfamiliar words, abbreviations, citations and formulae. As abstract stands alone, it should be differentiated from the main body by using smaller font. Abstract should be able to convey what the paper meant to the readers in an easy to understand language and precise way.

Key Words: Provide not more than 7 key words in alphabetic order that express the content of the paper.

Main Text: The main text of the papers should contain (i) Introduction, (ii) Objective, (iii) Theoretical Framework or Literature Review, (iv) Methodology or Materials and Methods, (v) Results and Discussions and, (vi) Conclusions.

Introduction: Give a concise but adequate background avoiding detail of literature review. Start from a broad picture and come down to a specific problem statement.

Objective: Provide general and a few specific objectives that are measurable and relevant to the research questions.

Theoretical Framework: Review only those literatures that relate the research problem. Review the literature in critical writing style and in brief. Critically examine and analyze research gap. Give a theoretical and subsequently conceptual framework with a clear schematic diagram as far as possible.

Methodology: Methodology can also be written under various names like research design, methods, and materials and methods but provide sufficient detail to allow the research work to be replicated. Socio-economic research needs sufficiently detail methodology specifying locale, sampling design and sample size determination giving justification on how you arrived at an appropriate sample size and how it can represent the population. Describe tools and techniques of data collection, nature of data generation, measurement and scaling procedures and data analyses.

Results and Discussions: Discuss the results clearly and logically basing on the results gathered from data or information. Do not bring in any personal feelings or opinion that are not supported by the gathered evidences but offer sufficient explanations and interpretations. Keep the highlights at the section while placing complementary information to the annexures. Do not clutter this section with too many tables, figures, graphs, charts etc. so that it becomes untidy and unattractive reducing the general readability.

Conclusions: This section talks about the overall significance of the study keeping the objectives in mind and seeing that the research questions are properly answered. The entire section should be written in author's own words and no direct quotations and references are required at this stage. It is also worthwhile to mention that conclusion is not a recapitulation nor a new idea suddenly inserted but is author's final judgment and belief that is formed based on research evidence and reasoning.

Reference: Reference style should follow the American Psychological Association (APA). In the text, citation should be indicated by giving the author's sure name and the year of publication with page number where necessary. Reference should be given in alphabetic order. Multiple reference from the same author (s) in the same year must be differentiated by the letters 'a', 'b,' 'c,' etc. placing after the year of publication. The generic reference format is: author (s) name, year of publication. title. place of publication. For journal article volume (issue), page number should be given in numerals like 3(4), 25-30 and not in words. Multiple textual references should be given in chronological order. Some examples of reference entries are given below:

Reference to a book:

Anderson, T. W. (2003). *An Introduction to Multivariate Statistical Analysis*. New York: John Wiley.

Book by more than one authors:

McNeil, K. A., Kelly, F. J., and McNeil, J. T. (1975). *Testing Research Hypotheses Using Multiple Linear Regression*. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press.

Reference to a Journal:

Bell, E. and Bryman, A. (2007). The Ethics of Management Research: An Exploratory Content Analysis; *British Journal of Management*, 18(1) 63-77.

Reference to a newspaper:

The Himalaya, Feb 9, 2014, p2, col 4.

Newspaper article:

Barringer, F. (2009, Sept. 14). Hawaii tries green tolls in remaking power grid. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Magazine article:

Sharma, A. (2010, Jan 15). The green economy. *Spotlight* 103 (6), 21-24.

Unpublished thesis:

Dahal, H. (1996). Ecological Approach to Sustainable Agriculture through Integrated Nutrient Management. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation. Asian Institute of Technology. (Diss-HS-96-1).

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All line spacing is single throughout. Page setting A4 size top and left margin 3cm and right and bottom margin 2.5cm.

Language: All papers and communication should be in English. The submitted papers should be free from grammatical errors and should have acceptable standard. Authors are requested to have their papers professionally edited before submission.

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