

# Editorial

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## *Research Topics*

In this issue of *JBM*, we have included four research articles. The first article is "Social Media Adoption and National Culture: The Dominant and Nuanced Effect of Individualism-Collectivism," co-authored by Rodney L. Stump and Wen Gong. The second one is "Impact of Neuromarketing Applications on Consumers," reported by Surabhi Singh. The third one is "Growing Pains: Success Strategies for Rural Entrepreneurs to Grow beyond Their Limited Local Markets," examined by David D. Snow. Finally, Helmut Birnleitner presents a study on "Macroeconomic Determinants of FDI Decisions in the Automotive Industry: Theoretical Foundations and Empirical Evidence."

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articles are interesting to read and useful to your future research. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I thank you very much for your continuous support. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all to be safe and healthy under the recent epidemic of coronavirus. We hope the contagion will end soon and we, the people, can get back to our normal living conditions.

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