



April 2022

# NEWSLETTER

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## Call for Applications - AFAANZ Research Fund

The AFAANZ Research Fund (ARF) Annual Grants Program is designed to encourage and support members by providing funding for research projects. The 2022 round will focus on quality projects that address or respond to contemporary and future challenges to, and/or have implications for, accounting and finance practice, policy and/or the professions. Grants are competitive, and are primarily intended to support small-scale projects of up to one year's duration or to assist in seed funding for larger scale projects. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to conduct the proposed research and show how the project will benefit the research profile of the individuals and the discipline. The pool of funds comes directly from fees paid by institutional members. As such, access to the ARF is limited to AFAANZ members based at a member institution.

To view categories, eligibility and application process please see [HERE](#).

Access the grant application system at <https://pitchmyresearch.com/grants>.

Note that you will receive an email of confirmation from [pitchmyresearch@gmail.com](mailto:pitchmyresearch@gmail.com) on successful submission.

Application Closing Date: **30 April 2022**

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## AFAANZ Board Election

Voting is now open for the 2022-2024 AFAANZ Board, **which closes 30th April at 5.00pm AEST**. There are five nominations for two vacant positions on the Board:

- **Searat Ali**
- **Nives Botica-Redmayne**
- **Craig Deegan**
- **Sumit Lodhia**
- **Dewan Rahman**

The biographies of the nominees can be found below.

To vote, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86CSWXQ>

It is necessary that you are a current 2022 AFAANZ Member and you will be asked to enter your 5-digit

membership number (note that membership numbers beginning with AF no longer exist). If you do not know your number or would like to join/renew your membership, please either log into your [AFAANZ account](https://afaanz.org) or email [info@afaanz.org](mailto:info@afaanz.org). All votes are checked for a valid AFAANZ number and that membership is current for 2022.



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**AFAANZ**  
**Insight Series**

QualRAN SIG Workshop

How can accounting researchers better utilise qualitative methodologies to bring social issues and challenges to life

Prof. Thomas Ahrens  
(UAE University)

This webinar addresses:

- What makes qualitative methodologies suitable for such research? What are their strengths?
- How should we think about the contexts in which social issues and challenges occur? In what ways are they "social?"
- How do organisations and people that we study form part of (or connect with) the wider social?
- How can such research bring social issues and challenges to life?, For example, by leveraging emergent qualitative technologies and design.

**APR 12 • 15:00 - 16:30 AEST**

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emergent qualitative technologies and design.

**Recommended Pre-reading:** T. Ahrens, Paper development in qualitative accounting research: Bringing social contexts to life, QRAM 2022 vol. 19 iss. 1 – Prof. Ahrens will expand on emergent issues related to discussions in this paper.

Thomas Ahrens is a Professor of Accounting at UAE University and has previously held positions at the LSE and the Universities of Southampton and Warwick. He has conducted research on accounting and management control practices in companies as well as the institutional functioning of accounting in a variety of public sector contexts. He has also written on methodological questions related to qualitative accounting research. Thomas is currently serving as Editor of Qualitative Research in Accounting and Management and Associate Editor of Management Accounting Research. For 10 years he was an Associate Editor of Contemporary Accounting Research.

Click [HERE](#) to register

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## UPCOMING

### Accounting for Climate Change: Practical tips for Engaging as Accounting Educators

Expert panel members, with diverse backgrounds and international experience, will each discuss how they are accounting for climate change in their program and learning design across diverse accounting education contexts. With a focus on climate change and sustainability, learn how to engage in program transformation, navigate curricula development, action interdisciplinary opportunities and design for transformative learning experiences. The panel aims to open new ways of thinking about accounting education, post pandemic, exploring fertile areas for accounting education and research.

The panel will then facilitate a broader, open discussion on these topics, their impact on professional accounting, accounting education and future research. Join our expert panel as we explore what it will take to equip ourselves for rapidly changing future business environments.

Wednesday May 18, 2022

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All previous Insight Series events can be viewed by going to the Insight Series [webpage](#).

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## Call for Papers

### Special Issue on Qualitative Research with practical relevance and impact in Accounting

The due date for submissions for this special issue is 1 May 2023. All details are available [HERE](#)  
The guest editors are

- Conor Clune, UNSW Sydney, email: [c.clune@unsw.edu.au](mailto:c.clune@unsw.edu.au)
- Ralph Kober, Monash University, email: [ralph.kober@monash.edu](mailto:ralph.kober@monash.edu)
- Paul Thambar, Monash University, email: [paul.thambar@monash.edu](mailto:paul.thambar@monash.edu)

### Special Issue on Reporting and Assurance of Climate-related and Other Non-financial Information

The due date for submissions for this special issue is 1 August 2023. All details are available [HERE](#)  
The guest editors are

- Dr Shan Zhou (University of Sydney, [shan.zhou@sydney.edu.au](mailto:shan.zhou@sydney.edu.au))
- Professor Louise Lu (Australian National University, [louise.lu@anu.edu.au](mailto:louise.lu@anu.edu.au))
- Dr Xinning Xiao (Monash University, [xinning.xiao@monash.edu](mailto:xinning.xiao@monash.edu))



### Why MYOB DevelopHer is going Trans-Tasman

One of MYOB’s flagship talent programmes – DevelopHer has been shining a light on a new way to attract tech talent and address gender imbalance since 2016. Now we are launching it in Aotearoa. Originally launched five years ago to create a pathway for Australian women in software development, from all backgrounds including career switchers and those re-entering into the industry, MYOB is proud to announce the launch of the DevelopHer programme into New Zealand.

Our six-month internship programme offers successful applicants an online scholarship with MYOB education partner RMIT University, a paid salary while they learn, and exclusive tutorial and coaching sessions focused on tech development. And upon completing the internship, candidates move into a protégé developer role as part of our graduate programme, followed by an offer of full-time employment with MYOB as an associate developer.

Read more about DevelopHer here: <https://www.myob.com/au/blog/why-developer-her-is-going-trans-tasman/>

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### it's time to reconnect



### AFAANZ CONFERENCE

It is with great excitement that the AFAANZ Board announce that the 2022 AFAANZ Conference will be an in-person event at Crown Melbourne from July 3 – July 5. However, given there are still travel restrictions for some AFAANZ members, the conference will also have a virtual option for members to view all plenaries, keynotes, panels and concurrent sessions online.

We will also support the Special Interest Groups to run an in-person event with the same virtual options to their members preceding the conference.

More information will be available soon as we work with Crown to create this event, but please know that the 2022 AFAANZ Conference will be in Melbourne and to start planning!

The AFAANZ Board and our sponsors: CA ANZ, CPA and MYOB look forward to catching up and reconnecting!

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### Notice of the Annual General Meeting of AFAANZ

Dear member,

This is to advise you of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the members of AFAANZ. The details of this meeting are as follows:

Date: Friday 6th May, 2021  
Time: 4.00pm AEST

This meeting will be an online meeting using Zoom. If you wish to attend the meeting or submit a question, please email [info@afaanz.org](mailto:info@afaanz.org) and the link, agenda and reports will be emailed to you.

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### **Emergency E-Learning: A Study on the effects of the transition to online learning**

The current COVID-19 restrictions in place for 2020 and 2021 are being investigated in terms of the changing environment academics were forced into due to stay at home orders, where they entered into emergency e-learning, from home.

The effects of emergency e-learning on academics' workloads, job satisfaction and motivation, as well as overall wellbeing have yet to be investigated and reported. It is hoped this survey will shed some light on the challenges and opportunities accounting and finance academics faced during lockdown teaching.

To take part in the survey, click [HERE](#)

For more information, you can download the [information letter](#) and [Ethics Approval](#)

Closing date: 15th July, 2022

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**Accounting** History



### **Calls for Papers**

[Accounting History Research in the Age of Digitalisation](#) Submission deadline: 15th September 2022

'SAGE Publications has established a new Editors' Choice Collection for Accounting History on the theme "Accounting and Historiography". The articles in this new collection are freely available for a limited period from 1st April-30th June 2022 and are found at the following link:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/page/ach/collections/editors-choice/accounting-and-historiography>

This replaces a prior Editors' Choice Collection on the same topic from 2015, which has been archived. That page can be also found at the end of the page at the above link.

There are now 22 Editors' Choice Collections for *Accounting History*, with the series designed to cover key themes within the accounting history field. These are updated and refreshed from time to time.

Details relating to the other Collections are available at the following link:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/page/ach/collections/editors-choice/index>.

In order to receive journal Contents alerts, please click on the "Sign Up" button located in the "Connect with us" box on the journal home page found at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/home/ach>

We hope that you find the newly-added collection, as well as the previous ones, to be helpful and enjoyable reading!

The **Robert W. Gibson Manuscript Award** is for the article published during 2021 "which makes the most significant contribution to the accounting history literature". This award is sponsored by the AFAANZ Accounting History Special Interest Group (AHSIG) which we appreciate.

The award is being presented to Frances Miley and Andrew Read for their paper "Entertainment as an archival source for historical accounting research" which was included in the Special Issue in *Accounting History* on Accounting and Entertainment. Congratulations to Frances and Andrew!



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### Partnership with QuitCh

We are excited to announce the successful launch of our First Year Accounting Competition 2022 through QuitCh, a mobile learning platform. This competition is supported by AFAANZ in conjunction with CA ANZ and MYOB to give students the opportunity to increase their knowledge of accounting, and to win prizes for their hard work. The competition was launched on the QuitCh platform on the 16th of March and has already been triumphant, with many students enrolling and engaging with the questions in the first week.

CA ANZ is awarding prizes of \$1,000, \$700 and \$300 to the top students on the leaderboard at the end of the competition. Additionally, MYOB is giving away a \$50 gift card prize each week. Accounting educators will also have a chance to win with a \$500 prize from AFAANZ to be awarded to the top student's educator.

We greatly appreciate the support of AFAANZ, CA ANZ and MYOB in this competition with QuitCh, and we look forward to seeing more engagement and learning taking place amongst the first-year accounting students.

Check out our website to learn more about QuitCh: <https://quitich.com/>

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## SEMINARS

### APIRA 2022 INTERDISCIPLINARY ACCOUNTING RESEARCH WEBINARS

Continuing on from 2021, the 2022 AAAJ's APIRA thought leadership webinars will offer major interdisciplinary accounting research presentations and panel forums. They will be 90 minute webinars on three occasions through 2022. Each live session will also be recorded and available to registrants on the APIRA webpage.

June 8th 2022

#### ***The Accountability Research Agenda***

Presenters and Panel:

- Prof Enrico Bracci (Italy)
- Prof Warren Maroun (South Africa)
- Prof Elena Giovannoni (UK)

October 12th, 2022

#### ***Accounting, auditing, and digital transformation: Implications and critical issues***

Presenters and Panel:

- Prof Indrit Troshani (Australia)
- Prof Giuseppe Grossi (Norway)
- Prof Jodie Moll (Australia)

***Please spread the word to colleagues and doctoral students.***

You can register now for the first APIRA 2021 events, on the APIRA webpage:

<https://apira.onlive.events/>

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## 2022 Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference

20 April 2022 at 9:00 am – 22 April 2022 at 5:00 pm

Monash Business School is proud to host the 12th Financial Markets and Corporate Governance

Conference and PhD symposium (FMCG 2022). This free event will be held virtually across three days.

With a comprehensive program including multiple concurrent sessions, this conference will bring together leading experts from around the world to discuss, consider and share current research and emerging trends in the Australian and international finance sector.

The conference will include keynote presentations by leading finance scholars and in-depth panel sessions on digital finance, environmental finance and superannuation (pension) funds, that will appeal to both academics and practitioners.

All details and registration are available [HERE](#)

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## The Accounting Workshop on Experiments

We are pleased to announce the 4th Accounting Workshop on Experiments (AWE), held online, on April 28th - 29th. The main conference **on April 29th** features a keynote from Professor Pamela Murphy (Queen's University). This conference will be preceded by a PROCESS workshop by Dr. Linda Chang (UNSW) and an invitation-only doctoral forum **on April 28th**.

Participation in the main conference and the PROCESS workshop is free, but registration is required: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/e7qi>

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the Financial Accounting Standards Board ([FASB](#)) and *The Accounting Review* ([TAR](#)) have issued a joint call for academic research papers on how key standards are performing in the capital markets. Selected papers will be presented at a joint conference titled Accounting for an Ever-Changing World, currently scheduled for 2-4 November 2022 in New York City, and will be considered for publication in TAR (a publication of the [American Accounting Association](#)).

The initiative is intended to strengthen connections between the academic and standard-setting communities and encourage academic research that supports the FASB and the IASB in their post-implementation review of recent major standards. Research papers should focus on the effectiveness of the FASB's and/or IASB's standards on revenue recognition (Topic 606 and IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*), leases (Topic 842 and IFRS 16 *Leases*), and financial instruments (Topic 326, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses and IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*)

The deadline to submit papers is 15 May 2022. Full details are available [HERE](#)

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## 3rd Analyst Research Conference, Bayes Business School and University of Cyprus

**Date:** Friday, 9th September 2022, 8:30am-6pm

**Format:** Hybrid. We aim for face-to-face presentations and attendance. For presenters unable to travel, we will organize zoom presentations. There will be an option to follow the conference online.

**Theme:** Current topics in analyst research

We invite paper submissions for a conference focused on current sell-side and buy-side analyst research. This one-day conference brings together academics and finance professionals to create a dynamic environment to facilitate knowledge exchange between academia and practice. The conference will feature academic presentations and sessions by industry professionals from the City of London. Each academic paper presentation will have a **discussant**, and all presentations will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience. Submission deadline is 20th May 2022. Authors will be notified by 10th June. For all details, click [HERE](#)

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## **The 2022 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ISAIS) July 6-8, 2022 - Call for Papers and Registration**

The Centre for Accounting and Industry Partnerships, Department of Accounting, University of Melbourne, Australia is pleased to announce the tenth International Symposium on Accounting Information Systems (ISAIS). ISAIS is rotated annually between the USA (Michigan State University), Europe (Hasselt University, Belgium) and Australia (University of Melbourne).

ISAIS 2022 will be online/virtual for all participants. Additionally, for those that can attend in person and network with colleagues, a meeting room will be available in the Faculty of Business and Economics Building at the University of Melbourne for all sessions. For all information, click [HERE](#)

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### **International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER)**

We are pleased to announce that the Call for Papers for the 14th World Congress of Accounting Educators and Researchers to be held in Paris, France and hosted by the IESEG School of Management, is now available on our website calendar. We warmly invite your submissions. Please also check our website <http://www.iaaer.org> for further updates on the World Congress. The deadline is June 30, 2022.

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### **Pacific Accounting Review - Ever-changing markets in China**

The Education University of Hong Kong, in conjunction with Pacific Accounting Review (PAR), is pleased to announce it will host a conference in Hong Kong on 17 December 2022. The conference will be a one-day event. This conference provides academics, practitioners, and regulators with a platform to share their insights into accounting and finance issues. Selected papers will be published in the Pacific Accounting Review (PAR) conference special issue, conditional on satisfactory responses to reviewer and editor comments. While the conference is planned to occur in-person, opportunities to present and participate in a hybrid format will be provided. All details are [HERE](#)

Paper Submission Deadline: 31 August 2022

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### **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and sustainability accounting: Opportunities and Challenges for public, non-governmental and hybrid sector organisations**

*Special issue call for papers from Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management*

#### **What is this special issue about?**

The adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations in 2015 has been a well-received and globally accepted iteration of the sustainable development agenda (Abhayawansa et al., 2021; Adams et al., 2020; Bebbington and Unerman, 2018). With 17 holistic goals and 169 targets, the SDG agenda aspires to stimulate action in areas that are of critical importance for humanity and the planet including hunger, poverty, inequality, health and well-being, clean energy and quality education (United Nations, 2015). Given the critical importance of SDGs, this initiative has drawn considerable attention in the policy debate and research. A number of conceptual studies have set the agenda and directions for advancing and achieving SDGs and the role of accounting and finance therein. However, little is known about how organisations, especially in the public, non-governmental and hybrid sectors are addressing and implementing the SDG goals and targets, and account for sustainability performance

All details are available [HERE](#)

**Closes:** March 31, 2023

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