

January 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## AFAANZ PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

At AFAANZ, we are excited about 2021!! We trust you have had a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and we look forward to catching up with you at one of our events during 2021!

We are now accepting Papers for the 2021 AFAANZ Conference which will be held virtually from the week beginning 5 July, 2021. We are working towards creating a hub in each capital city for one afternoon of the conference for members to network and celebrate the conference. The due date to submit is Monday, February 8, 2021. A Call for Papers is included in this Newsletter.

We encourage you to renew your membership for 2021, if you haven't received your renewal invoice in your email, please contact [info@afaanz.org](mailto:info@afaanz.org). Institutional Members will be contacted late January.

In 2021, in partnership with our Platinum Sponsor CA ANZ, we will begin our Insight Series - a monthly seminar event for AFAANZ members. We begin with the QualRAN SIG event "Grants, Industry Engagement, and Impact Workshop" which will be held on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Best wishes for 2021!

**Jac Birt & Tom Scott**  
AFAANZ Presidents

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## 2021 AFAANZ Virtual Conference The week starting on 5 July

### Call for Papers

The 2021 AFAANZ Conference organised by the Accounting & Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ) will be held online in the week starting on 5 July 2021.

AFAANZ is devoted to a very broad spectrum of accounting and finance research and we welcome innovative research approaches as well as those that are well established. Papers are invited in the broad areas of accounting, finance, auditing, corporate governance, accounting information systems, accounting education, ethics, corporate social responsibility, tax and related fields. All papers will be subject to blind peer review. AFAANZ encourages new and developing researchers to virtually attend the conference.

The two plenary speakers at the conference will be:

- Gary Monroe, Professor of Accounting, University of New South Wales
- Phillip Stocken, Jack Byrne Professor of Accounting, Dartmouth College

### Guidelines for Submission

Further details regarding the submission of papers will be made available on the AFAANZ conference [website](#). Papers can be submitted at <https://www.openconf.org/afaanz2021/openconf.php> from the start of December 2020.

Papers will only be considered if at least one author is an individual member of AFAANZ. AFAANZ members also enjoy a reduced registration fee for the conference. Alternatively, an AUD\$50 submission fee can be paid via the conference [website](#).

### Submission Date

Papers must be submitted by Monday, 8 February 2021, 5pm Australian Eastern Daylight Standard Time. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

### Notification

Email notification of the outcome of submissions is expected to be sent to the submitting author by early April 2021.

### Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding the submission process for papers may be directed to:

Nicola Beatson and Yaowen Shan at [chair@afaanz.org](mailto:chair@afaanz.org)

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The poster is for an 'Insight Series' event. At the top, it features the logos for 'Insight Series', 'Chartered Accountants Australia + New Zealand', and 'afaanz'. The main title is 'Grants, Industry Engagement, and Impact Virtual Workshop', written in a hand-drawn style on a piece of lined paper. Below the title, the date and time are listed: '9 February 2021 10am-12pm AEDST'. Three speakers are listed, each with a black brushstroke background behind their names: Professor Wai Fong Chua (University of Sydney), Professor David Smith (RMIT), and Dr Paul Thambar (Monash). The text below the speakers states: 'Presentations will be followed by a Q&A session and up to three 3-minute research grant pitches, Dragon Den style, to the three presenters who will provide feedback. If you are interested in doing a pitch please email Ralph (ralph.kober@monash.edu)'. At the bottom, it says 'This workshop is FREE and open to anyone!!' and provides a registration link: 'Register HERE : (https://www.afaanz.org/afaanz-insight-series)'.

You can register for the workshop [here](https://www.afaanz.org/afaanz-insight-series)

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## Call for Nominations on the AFAANZ Board

There will be five (5) vacancies on the AFAANZ Board for the 2021 - 2023 period. Nominations must be received by 5pm AEST, Friday, 26th February 2021. View more information and the nomination form [HERE](#).

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## AFAANZ Doctoral Symposium Program

AFAANZ is proud of its tradition in holding its annual Doctoral Symposium for those undertaking their PhD studies. Information on the Doctoral Symposium being held from 28th June to 30th June prior to the virtual conference will be sent to the Heads of Institutional Members of AFAANZ. The due date to nominate a student to attend the Symposium is Friday, 26 February 2021.

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## Call for Papers

**2021 International Accounting Standards Board Research Forum** will be held in conjunction with Accounting and Finance.

The Forum will be held in a major city in southern Asia on 1-2 November 2021 but held virtually if travel is not possible. The Editors of the A&F/IASB Research Forum Special Issue, Tom Smith and Gary Monroe, invite submissions that provide evidence to help inform the standard-setting activities of the IASB.

For full details of the Call for Papers, click [HERE](#).

Papers must be submitted via the online system no later than 31 March 2021. Decisions on submitted papers will be made by 30 June 2021.

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## AFAANZ AWARDS

### AFAANZ - Best PhD Award

The Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand seeks to advance accounting and finance research by recognising and rewarding outstanding work of early career researchers. The Best PhD Award is being awarded each year to recognise the student of an outstanding accounting/finance PhD completed during the previous calendar year. For more details, click [here](#). Nominations close on 31st March 2021.

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## QualRAN SIG News

Happy New Year Everyone!!

If you are a qualitative researcher, we would love to have you as a member of the QualRAN (Qualitative Research in Accounting Network) Special Interest Group. We are looking to expand the reach of QualRAN to encompass all qualitative accounting and finance researchers (yes, even those in finance). So, if you do qualitative research in auditing, financial accounting, management accounting, accounting education, accounting history, or even finance please consider joining the QualRAN SIG. Also, we welcome all forms of qualitative research - critical, interpretative, constructivist, positivists, you name it, you are welcome in the SIG. Similarly, all methods - observation, interviews, ethnography, netnography, etc. The QualRAN SIG is designed to be a broad church of qualitative researchers all learning from each other.

We would also love to hear from AFAANZ members as to what they would like from the QualRAN SIG. We wish to expand the reach of the SIG and can only do this if we hear what people would like from the SIG. Please email Ralph ([ralph.kober@monash.edu](mailto:ralph.kober@monash.edu)) or Paul ([paul.thambar@monash.edu](mailto:paul.thambar@monash.edu)) with any thoughts or comments. We look forward to hearing from you.

This year the QualRAN SIG is organising two virtual workshops with the first one happening soon. Please see the details below.

Best wishes

Ralph Kober (Chair) and Paul Thambar (Secretary/Treasurer)

### **Grants, Industry Engagement, and Impact Workshop, Tuesday 9 February 2021**

The QualRAN SIG will be holding a virtual workshop on Tuesday 9 February, 10am – 12pm AEDST (12pm – 2pm NZ time, 7am – 9am WA time). The theme of this workshop will be “Grants, Industry Engagement, and Impact”. The workshop will feature presentations from Professor Wai Fong Chua (University of Sydney), Professor David Smith (RMIT) and Dr Paul Thambar (Monash University). All three have been successful in achieving large grants, engaging with industry, and having impact through their research. Their presentations will be followed by a Q&A session and up to three 3-minute research grant pitches, Dragon Den style, to the three presenters who will provide feedback. If you are interested in doing a pitch please email Ralph ([ralph.kober@monash.edu](mailto:ralph.kober@monash.edu)). The workshop is free and is open to anyone, you do not need to be an AFAANZ member. You can register for the workshop [here](#)

### **Pre-AFAANZ Conference Workshop, 9am Sunday 4 July 2021**

This virtual workshop will feature presentations from two experienced qualitative researchers, one from within accounting and one from a field outside accounting, as well as two editors speaking on how to get qualitative research published.

We are in the early stages but to date are able to confirm the following structure:

Experienced qualitative accounting researcher - Professor Matt Hall, Monash University.

Experienced qualitative researcher from outside accounting - To be confirmed.

Editors Panel - Professor Robert Knechel, The Accounting Review, and Associate Professor Lukas Goretzki, Qualitative Research in Accounting and Management.

The aim of having someone from outside the accounting discipline present is to enhance our knowledge of other qualitative research methods that are not so commonly utilised within our field. By applying new methods, we will hopefully be able to move the accounting discipline forward in interesting and insightful ways.

We have also selected editors of two very different journals to offer their insights on how to get qualitative research published. Associate Professor Lukas Goretzki is the new editor of Qualitative Research in Accounting and Management, a journal whose name gives away the fact that it only publishes qualitative research. Professor Robert Knechel is the new editor of The Accounting Review, a North-American journal that is not typically associated with publishing qualitative research. Robert hopes to change this and is keen to increase the diversity of research published within the journal. In order to expand the number of qualitative research papers in The Accounting Review, Chris Chapman has been appointed to the editorial board.

The workshop will be free to all AFAANZ members and we hope many members will be able to join us.

Please renew your AFAANZ membership and your QualRAN membership, if you have not done so already.



From around mid-2020, the **Accounting History Special Interest Group (AHSIG)** of the Association has been on social media, featuring Accounting History (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/acha>).

Why not consider joining as a follower on either Linked-In or Twitter or both platforms?

Details of the respective links are as follows:

Linked-In: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/accounting-history-special-interest-group-afaanz/?viewAsMember=true>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AccHistorySig>

All AFAANZ members are welcome to join as followers.

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## **AFAANZ CONFERENCE FUNDING**

Hosting a conference in 2021? Need funding support? AFAANZ is offering \$500 financial support for physical conferences and \$250 for virtual conferences held by its Institutional members in the disciplines of Accounting and Finance in 2021. See criteria and process [HERE](#).

Send your applications to [info@afaanz.org](mailto:info@afaanz.org)

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## Call for Papers

The **2021 European Accounting Review Annual Conference** will be held online on 18-19 November 2021. The Conference is organized by EAR with virtual hosting and support by the European Accounting Association.

We invite submissions of original papers addressing research questions in all areas of accounting research. European Accounting Review emphasizes openness and flexibility, not only regarding the substantive issues of accounting research, but also with respect to paradigms, methodologies, and styles of conducting that research. EAR is global in scope and welcomes submissions relating to any country or region that clearly communicate relevance to an international audience.

In addition, EAR features a (i) 'Young Scholar Track,' for submissions by non-tenured faculty, and Ph.D. students, where job market papers are particularly well received, and a (ii) 'Open Science' section that particularly welcomes papers that discuss important problems in research methods and design across all paradigms and methods (field, experimental, archival). In the 'Open Science' section, data and code will be assessed as potential separate contributions to the literature in addition to the actual findings of the study per se.

Submissions that fit either the 'Young Scholar' or the 'Open Science' tracks are encouraged and will receive special consideration by the editorial team.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 31, 2021**

Original contributions should be submitted at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rear>.

Submissions are treated as submissions to EAR, and should not be under review at any other journal. All papers will be refereed and decisions should be conveyed to authors by the middle of May 2020. Subject to satisfactory revision, accepted conference papers will be published in the conference issue of EAR in 2022.

Conference attendance is by invitation. EAA members interested in attending should request an invitation. The Conference will start midday (CET time) on 18 November 2021.

## Call For Papers

### European Accounting Review (EAR)

#### ***Special Issue on "Innovative Data Sources in Management Accounting Research and Practice"***

Guest Editors:

- Matthias D. Mahlendorf, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
- Melissa Martin, University of Illinois at Chicago
- David Smith, University of Queensland

Submissions are due March 1st, 2021. Full details are available [HERE](#)

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## 2021 UTS Online Summer Accounting Conference

The 25th annual UTS Summer Accounting Conference will be held online on 4-5 February 2021. The 2021 Summer Accounting Conference will comprise 4 paper presentations and a panel session. Each paper presentation will be followed by an invited discussant. The conference regularly attracts leading accounting researchers from around the world, and presenters include faculty from leading institutions in North America, Europe and Asia. The Accounting Discipline Group and UTS is committed to ensuring that the 25th annual UTS Online Summer Accounting Conference continues as a valuable event of its type in the Australasian region.

For more details, click [HERE](#) to go to the event webpage.

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### Postponement of 32nd Asian-Pacific Conference on International Accounting Issues

In response to the continuing global impacts of COVID-19 we have decided to further postpone the 32nd Asian-Pacific Conference on International Accounting Issues to 2022. While we are disappointed at having to take this action, the health and wellbeing of our colleagues and participants is of the utmost importance. We have re-scheduled the 32nd conference to take place on 16-19 October 2022, in Wellington, New Zealand, so please save the date!

Professor Stephen Penman, Graduate School of Business, Columbia University, will be the keynote speaker for the conference. Submission of papers for the 32nd conference will close on 15 May 2022.

The website for the conference is [www.apconference.org](http://www.apconference.org)

We wish you all the very best and hope that you stay healthy during these uncertain times. If you have any questions, please email us at [info@apconference.org](mailto:info@apconference.org)

California State University, Fresno and Victoria University of Wellington

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## APIRA 2021

In association with Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, APIRA (The Asia Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting conference) will offer 90 minute webinars on three occasions through 2021. Each will be recorded and available to registrants for one week.

The first event is February 18th 2021 “Rob Gray’s Accountability Legacy: Reinstating a Critical Concern for Stakeholders, Democracy and the Environment” Presenters: Professors Markus Milne (University of Canterbury, New Zealand) and Helen Tregidga (Royal Holloway, University of London) Moderator: Professor Lee Parker (University of Glasgow & RMIT) Register for the first APIRA 2021 event Feb 18, on the APIRA webpage: <https://apira.onlive.events/>



- QualRAN SIG: Grants, Industry Engagement, and Impact Workshop, Tuesday 9 February 2021

## **AFAANZ Doctoral Education Network (AFDEN)**

AFDEN aims to facilitate the broad offering of coursework units/subjects relevant to PhD candidates in Accounting or Finance enrolled in Australian and New Zealand universities. The primary aim is to seamlessly facilitate a program providing PhD candidates the opportunity to develop world-class research skills and knowledge.

All details can be found on the AFAANZ [website](#).

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## **CALL FOR PAPERS and EXEMPLARS**

### **Pacific Accounting Review (Special Issue)**

#### **Accounting in Transition: Influence of Technology, Sustainability and Diversity**

The impact of new technologies, the escalating social and environmental issues and accounting's ability to adapt to the rapid pace of change and uncertainties are the major challenges facing the accounting profession. These challenges also raise a host of secondary issues that accountants will need to address in the foreseeable future. This special issue aims to encourage submission of papers on the theme "Accounting in Transition" with emphasis on technology, sustainability and diversity. We expect this special issue to generate new ideas of importance for accounting academic and practitioner discourse that will eventually influence change in how accounting is practised. We welcome submission of empirical research articles, viewpoints, reflections and commentary on topics relating to the theme. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

**Deadline: 30 April 2021**

### **MEDITARI ACCOUNTANCY RESEARCH**

*CALL FOR PAPERS, SPECIAL ISSUE ON:*

COVID-19 and accounting: Threats to, and opportunities for, accounting education, research and publication, and innovation in professional practice

Submission deadline: 15-05-2021

For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact [Garry Carnegie](#)

### **The 2021 PMA Conference and related Special Issue of MAR welcome research on performance measurement and management in a dynamic environment.**

The 2021 PMA Conference will be at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, on July 4-7, 2021. Authors are welcome to submit their papers for consideration in a special issue of Management Accounting Research. Submission deadline is August 31, 2021. Click [HERE](#) for further details.

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