Comments from the editors

Charting a New Course for the Arab Journal of Administrative Sciences

Assuming the role of editor-in-chief for the Arab Journal of Administrative Sciences (AJAS) brings with it a significant sense of responsibility and honor. The opportunity to guide this esteemed journal is one approach with dedicated commitment. As we move forward, we are building upon the solid foundations laid by our predecessors, whose efforts have shaped AJAS into a reputable platform for academic discourse in the GCC and Arab region. I am thankful for their contributions and the strong legacy they have established.

My goal is to enhance the quality of our journal and to effectively bridge the gap between research and practice. This ambition demands a sustained commitment and will be achieved through a series of deliberate steps and collaborations. This involves promoting inclusivity, supporting developmental initiatives, and publishing impactful research.

Inclusivity in our context means embracing interdisciplinary research and welcoming a variety of scientific methodologies, research interests, and stakeholders. This approach not only broadens our journal’s scope but also enriches the academic discourse we foster. We have already taken a number of initiatives towards achieving this objective by renewing the vision and scope of the journal and actively recruiting reviewers and editorial board members to support this objective.

Our focus on developmental strategies centers on nurturing an environment conducive to the ongoing advancement and refinement of research methodologies and practices in the business administration disciplines. While we acknowledge the value of expediency in the review process, prioritizing the enhancement of article quality and fostering collaboration between authors and reviewers takes precedence. We are committed to dedicating resources to provide valuable insights that will enhance the capabilities of both authors and reviewers. Moving forward, we plan to offer additional supportive content and actively engage with the community to facilitate ongoing skill development.

Lastly, to ensure our impact is profound, we are dedicated to publishing research that significantly influences both the academic landscape and practical applications within the fields of administrative sciences. Our goal extends beyond merely dissem-
inating knowledge; we aim to foster discussions that catalyze real-world change and inform policy decisions. To achieve this, we plan to enhance our regional outreach, actively engaging with stakeholders to both understand their challenges and increase awareness of the research published in our journal. Additionally, we have initiated efforts to expand the journal’s presence and reach on social media, aiming to connect more effectively with our audience and the broader community.

To realize our vision, we are privileged to be supported by a distinguished group of scholars on our editorial and advisory boards. Our editorial board has been strengthened with the addition of Prof. Khaled Hussainey, Dr. Mousa AlBashrawi, Dr. Abrar Al-Hasan, and Dr. Nawaf Alabduljader, each bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Complementing their contributions, our advisory board includes notable figures such as Prof. Herman Aguinis, a former president of the Academy of Management (AOM), Prof. Jason Bennett Thatcher, a former president of the Association of Information Systems (AIS), Prof. Koray Özpolat, and Dr. Sam Zaza. Their collective involvement not only enhances our capacity to foster academic excellence but also ensures that AJAS maintains the highest standards of quality in all its endeavors.

Prof. Herman Aguinis, the Avram Tucker Distinguished Scholar and professor of management at the George Washington University School of Business, brings to AJAS a wealth of experience in talent management and organizational research methods. Recognized among the world’s most impactful researchers, Prof. Aguinis’s leadership in the global academic community, including serving as president of the Academy of Management, exemplifies the caliber of excellence that AJAS aspires to embody.

Prof. Jason Bennett Thatcher, holding the prestigious Tandean Rustandy Esteemed Professorship, is a luminary in organizational leadership and information analytics. His pioneering work in individual decision-making and strategic IT use in organizations and his prominence as a globally influential researcher align perfectly with AJAS’s mission to be a platform for groundbreaking research.

Prof. Khaled Hussainey’s distinguished editorial roles, including his co-editorship of the Journal of Financial Reporting and Accounting and associate editor positions at several esteemed journals, demonstrate his adeptness at curating impactful research. His editorial expertise will greatly contribute to enhancing the rigor and relevance of the research that AJAS publishes.

Prof. Koray Özpolat brings a wealth of experience, from electrical engineering to humanitarian logistics. His expertise not only diversifies our journal’s research portfolio, but also resonates with AJAS’s dedication to meaningful and impactful research.
Prof. Koray Özpolat’s work exemplifies the interdisciplinary and purpose-driven approach we value at AJAS. His commitment to teaching and research in improving humanitarian supply chains promises to significantly enrich our community.

Dr. Mousa AlBashrawi’s experience, marked by his significant role in establishing the Saudi chapter of the Association for Information Systems and his appointment as an associate editor for the journal Communications of the Association for Information Systems, showcases his proficiency in steering scholarly discourse on information systems. His insights will be invaluable in broadening the scope and depth of AJAS’s content.

Dr. Sam Zaza’s esteemed tenure in the field of management information systems and her vigorous research trajectory resonate with our dedication to methodological diversity and academic rigor. Her experience in developing impactful research and educational innovation is invaluable to our commitment to nurturing scholarly development in our region.

Dr. Abrar Al-Hasan’s extensive consulting experience in IT fields and her active involvement in research on digital markets, social media, and health IT highlight her ability to bridge theoretical research with practical applications. Her focus on contemporary and emerging topics in information systems aligns with AJAS’s aim to publish research that is both academically rigorous and practically relevant.

Dr. Nawaf Alabduljader is an associate professor of management at Kuwait University. His research, which spans performance management, entrepreneurship, and organizational behavior, complements AJAS’s dedication to pioneering scholarship in administrative sciences. Dr. Alabduljader’s academic and practical experiences, particularly in performance management and entrepreneurial studies, reinforce our journal’s commitment to quality and relevancy in our publications.

This issue marks a significant milestone for AJAS, reflecting our renewed strategic direction. The articles featured here meet rigorous academic criteria, exemplifying the diversity and innovative thinking that characterize our goals. These contributions highlight AJAS’s role as a vital resource for researchers, educators, and professionals, bridging theoretical insights with the practical challenges in our region.

Alahmed, Alasfour, and Salifu deliver a qualitative study on financial communication in the Kuwaiti banking sector, probing the informativeness of earnings conferences. They identify crucial areas where financial statements could better serve their users, offering practical recommendations for enhanced transparency and user engagement.
In a quantitative vein, Elgedawy’s research uses explainable artificial intelligence as a mediator to investigate the impacts of data governance on organizational performance. His descriptive analytical study draws on responses from IT executives to demonstrate the complex interplay between data governance mechanisms and performance outcomes. Significantly, Elgedawy’s work reveals that explainable AI can serve as a powerful intermediary, able to account for a substantial portion of changes in organizational performance as influenced by data governance strategies.

AlHarbi employs survey data to investigate the effects of perceived overqualification on job attitudes within an academic institution. This study enriches our understanding of the ramifications of employee–organization fit and its implications for job satisfaction and organizational commitment.

Alrashdan examines the role of shareholder patience in shaping firm performance. Through a longitudinal analysis of publicly traded US companies, this study illuminates how shareholders’ temporal orientations affect strategic decision-making and governance structures.

Finally, Hesham explores the relationship between business ownership experience and opportunity identification among Egyptian entrepreneurs, emphasizing the mediating role of cognitive styles. This work not only sheds light on the cognitive processes that facilitate entrepreneurial success, but also carries significant implications for policy and education in the region.

This issue highlights the significance of diverse methodologies and perspectives in enhancing our understanding of complex business phenomena. As AJAS progresses, our collective efforts are essential for achieving our vision. With the support of our contributors, reviewers, and readers, we have made significant strides and are poised for further impactful advancements. I am optimistic about our future and invite everyone to join us in shaping a journal that influences both academic and practical dialogues worldwide.

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