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Notes from the Editor

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Volume 2, issue 1, has articles covering quite a range of contemporary topics from authors around the world.

The first article by Andrzej Sankowski, “**Global Journey to Post-Pandemic Normalcy and Revival,**” presents efforts and experiences of countries in the European Union, Asia, Asia-Pacific, South America, and the United States as they face challenges to end the pandemic and prepare for post-pandemic reality. A very insightful, provocative, and optimistic discourse on "new normalcy," after a year of COVID-19.

The second article, "**Challenges for Children and Adolescents with Autism and Their Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic,**" brings into focus a sensitive health disorder, compounded by the restrictions and lockdown measures implemented in the global health crisis. Orsolya Pachner and Gabor Aranyi skillfully argue from the reported studies that increase in mental health issues, the elevated prevalence of anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic symptoms. Their research addresses specific challenges facing children and adolescents in their education and care—and supporting families by emphasizing their well-being as well.

Tashfeen Ahmad offers a novel approach in his thoughtful piece on "**Advancing a Sustainable Career Model for Political Science Students: Implications for Career Development Research and Practice.**" The article applies the "sustainability" concept in career development and offers suggestions for faculty and administrators to include trends in technology, new and relevant pedagogy, and contemporary human resource practices.

The following article, by Philip Onyango Were and Sarah Wairimu Kimaru-Muchai, is titled “**Evaluation of Self-Help Groups in Promoting Women Socio-Economic Empowerment in Kibra Sub-County, Nairobi County, Kenya.**” They investigate the role of Self-Help Groups (SHG) in helping women play a crucial role in developing the economy—and their research evidence is from Kibra, Nairobi County in Kenya. Based on their findings, the authors offer insightful recommendations to the SHGs and the governmental institutions.

The article by Kamala Raghavan on "**Impact of Pandemic and Digital Transformation on Global Accounting Profession,**" espouses what is already taking place and what is trending in professional accounting practices. It is a revelation, especially for non-accountants, to understand the disruptive forces of the pandemic that have accelerated the digital transformation and innovation, including widespread application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) assistant and the need to be proactive against ransomware bots attacking social media data, accounting, and insurance records.

Finally, a book review by Timothy Coville is based on *AICPA (2017), Attestation Engagement on Sustainability Information Guide (including Greenhouse Gas Emissions Information)*, ISBN: 978-1-945-49862-6, 192 pages. It illustrates how “sustainability” matters for portfolio

managers and research analysts when making investment decisions. More importantly, the book review discusses, chapter by chapter, the specifics of the attestation engagement from introducing Sustainability, followed by Planning, Review Procedures, Performing Examination, Reporting on Examination, and Review Engagement on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Information.