



Call for Papers

Special Issue of the [*Journal of Applied Economic Sciences \(JAES\)*](#)

“Structural Reforms, Sustainability, and Economic Transformation in Emerging and Transitional Economies”

Special Issue Overview

Emerging and transitional economies are undergoing profound structural transformations driven by globalization, technological progress, demographic shifts, and increasing sustainability pressures. Governments, institutions, and firms must navigate complex challenges related to economic restructuring, financial stability, environmental sustainability, and inclusive growth. Structural reforms are therefore critical for improving institutional quality, strengthening economic resilience, and supporting long-term development trajectories.

This Special Issue of the *Journal of Applied Economic Sciences (JAES)* aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for research examining how **structural reforms, sustainability policies, and technological change shape economic transformation in emerging and transitional economies**. The issue welcomes contributions that investigate reforms at multiple levels, including macroeconomic policy frameworks, financial systems, institutional governance, corporate strategies, and sectoral development.

In particular, the Special Issue seeks to advance understanding of how economic systems adapt to global challenges such as climate change, digital transformation, financial volatility, and evolving governance structures. Contributions combining theoretical insights with empirical analysis and policy implications are particularly encouraged.

Main Themes and Topics

Submissions may address, but are not limited to, the following themes:

Structural Reforms and Macroeconomic Development

- Fiscal and monetary reforms in emerging and transitional economies
- Exchange rate dynamics and financial stability
- Structural adjustment policies and macroeconomic resilience
- Public sector reforms and economic governance

Sustainability and Financial Systems

- Sustainable finance and ESG frameworks
- Financial sustainability and corporate finance strategies
- Sovereign risk and financial market dynamics
- Climate finance and green economic policies

Institutional Change and Governance

- Institutional quality and economic performance
- Governance reforms and regulatory frameworks
- Anti-corruption mechanisms and financial transparency
- Political economy of structural reforms

Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Organizational Adaptation

- Digital transformation and economic restructuring
- Artificial intelligence and technological adoption in firms
- Business model transformation and strategic management
- Innovation policy and technology-driven growth

Sectoral Development and Inclusive Transformation

- Sustainable industrial and sectoral development
- Food security and agricultural transformation
- Human capital and labour market reforms
- Technological change and productivity growth

Interdisciplinary approaches combining economics, finance, management, public policy, and development studies are particularly welcome.

Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit original research papers that contribute to the understanding of structural reforms and sustainable economic transformation.

All submissions must:

- be original and not under consideration elsewhere;
- follow the [JAES Author Guidelines and formatting requirements](#);
- include JEL classifications and relevant keywords;
- undergo a *double-blind peer review process*.

Accepted papers will be published in a *Special Issue of JAES (2026)*.

Important Dates

Submission deadline: 30th of November, 2025

First review decision: 30th of January, 2026

Revised submission deadline: 1st of March, 2026

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