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Empowering our Network

The Centre for Social and Environmental Research (CSEAR) is an international membership-based network that aims to mobilise accounting scholarship to enable a more sustainable society.

For close to three decades CSEAR has been recognized as a global community of scholars who engage with students, activists, practitioners, policy makers and other interested groups in order to generate and disseminate knowledge on social and environmental accounting and accountability. Our mission is to encourage and facilitate high quality, relevant research, teaching and external engagement with practice and policy through developing knowledge, expertise, resources and a supportive network for mentoring and career development.

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Editors Note

It's going to be another exciting year for CSEAR!

I welcome you to the first CSEAR newsletter of 2018. To begin, I would like to make a special note of appreciation to Dr. Lynn Christie. On behalf of all the CSEAR members I would like express our indebtedness for your many years of exceptional service to the CSEAR network and community. Thank you for your dedication to the organisation of the Congress Conferences and Emerging Scholars Colloquiums and communications over the years. We wish you all the best of luck with your new opportunities!

This newsletter aims to highlight the foremost activities pertinent to social and environmental accounting research. Here you will find a summary of CSEAR news, calls for papers and conference details. More importantly the quarterly newsletter seeks to showcase the exceptional members of our unique community. Therefore, if you have something newsworthy to share please get in touch. Have you just published? Did you win an award? Let us know so we can share your stories!

I'd also like to encourage you to be an active member of CSEAR. Get involved by:

Visiting our Blog: <http://csearweb.blogspot.co.uk/>

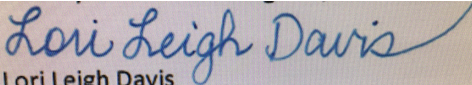
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We are always looking for guest bloggers. Do you write blogs or tweet about your research? Would you like to share a short overview or update with others in the CSEAR community? I invite you to send 500 words on your research. If you have something to contribute please contact us at: csear@st-andrews.ac.uk

Wishing you all the best with your teaching, research and writing this year!
Best and warm regards from CSEAR St. Andrews,



Lori Leigh Davis

The CSEAR newsletter will be published the second last week in March, June, September and December.

Coming Soon!

SEAJ

**SPECIAL ISSUE: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTING:
THE MISSING LINK TO SUSTAINABILITY?
GUEST EDITORS: DELPHINE GIBASSIER AND
SIMON ALCOUFFE**

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Submitting to *Social and Environmental Accountability Journal*
For more information about the journal and guidance on how to submit, please see
www.tandfonline.com/seaj

Winner of the Reg Mathews Memorial Prize 2017

Each year the Executive Editorial Board of the Social and Environmental Accountability Journal (SEAJ) award a prize for the paper published in the journal that we consider to have made the most significant contribution towards the social and environmental accounting literature.

The editorial board have decided that the Reg Mathews Memorial Prize for 2017 should go to:

Vik, P. (2017) 'What's So Social about Social Return on Investment? A Critique of Quantitative Social Accounting Approaches Drawing on Experiences of International Microfinance,' *Social and Environmental Accountability Journal*, 37(1), pp. 6-17.

This year was a close choice – so the Editorial Board would also like to recognise the following paper as “highly commended:”

Dillard, J. & Pullman, M. (2017) 'Cattle, Land, People, and Accountability Systems: The Makings of a Values-based Organisation,' *Social and Environmental Accountability Journal*, 37(1), pp. 33-58.



YOU ARE SIMPLY THE
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Celebrating our Members



Congratulations Prof Jan Bebbington on achieving the latest Honorary Fellow at the Royal Scottish Geographical Society!

For more than 15 years, Jan has been a consistent and meaningful presence in the Scottish sustainability agenda, becoming one of the most widely regarded academic voices in this arena.

Calls for Papers

Sustainability Accounting, Accountability and Reporting in the Public Sector Special issue call for papers from Meditari Accountancy Research

Submission deadline: June 30, 2018

Guest Editors:

Sumit Lodhia, University of South Australia, Australia
Amanpreet Kaur, University of South Australia, Australia

What is the special issue about?

This special issue of Meditari Accountancy Research seeks to foster research in the area of sustainability accounting, accountability and reporting in the public sector. The public sector is regarded as a steward for social and environmental issues. Key research themes, with an emphasis on the various tiers of the public sector, include, but are not limited to:

Sustainability accounting and reporting
Integrated reporting
Environmental management systems, management accounting and management control
Accounting for climate change
Stakeholder engagement in sustainability accounting and reporting
Sustainable Development Goals and their impact on the public sector
Accountability of public sector organizations
Sustainability reporting and organizational change
The use of social media and information and communication technologies in sustainability communication
The role of accountants in sustainability accounting and reporting/integrated reporting
Sustainability reporting assurance

Submission instructions:

The closing date for submissions for this special issue is 30th June 2018. Manuscripts should be submitted via Scholar One Manuscripts
Please choose the special issue from the list in step 4 of the online submission process when submitting your manuscript
All papers will be reviewed in accordance with Meditari Accountancy Research's normal procedures
All papers must follow the Author guidelines
Any queries in advance of submission can be sent for the attention of the Guest Editors to:
Sumit Lodhia: Sumit.Lodhia@unisa.edu.au

Key dates:

June 30 2018: Submission deadline
31 August 2018: First reviews before this date
September – October 2018: Revisions and further review rounds
November 2018: Final revisions due
January 2019: Publication of Special Issue

For the FULL Call for Papers Brief See:

http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=7447

Special Calls For Papers

Special Issue on Accounting, Accountability and Animals

Call for papers from Critical Perspectives on Accounting

Guest Editors:

Eija Vinnari, University of Tampere, Finland

Jane Baxter, UNSW Sydney, Australia

Wai Fong Chua, University of Sydney, Australia

The aim of this special issue of Critical Perspectives on Accounting is to advance understanding of animals as a constituency in relation to critical accounting and practices of accountability. This special issue will bring together a collection of theoretical, empirical and methodological papers that explore the nexus of animals, accountability, power, and ethics. The editors welcome cross-disciplinary investigations that explore animals and accountability from the perspectives of not only accounting but also, for example, critical animal studies, history, law, medicine, organization studies, political science, economics, sociology, ethics, biology or veterinary science. Potential topics to be addressed in this special issue include, but are not limited to:

- The accounting's role in conflicts and controversies involving animals, for example, the costs and benefits associated with live animal export;
- the commodification of animals (such as horses and greyhound dogs) and the networks of interests both shaping debate about and obscuring the quantification of the 'wastage' associated with the racing and gaming industries;
- counter accounts of animal exploitation from animal activist and welfare organisations, for example, that promote new visibilities and discursive and calculative spaces at the margins of accounting and accountability;
- the intertwining of calculation and emotion in decisions concerning animals, for example, in the booming global markets associated with the rise of animals as 'companions' and 'pets';
- making animals' interests visible through more democratic forms of accounting, including critiques of the adequacy of extant forms of sustainability accounting;
- critical assessments of corporate accounts of animals, including entangled notions of property rights and valuation; and,
- philosophical and methodological critiques of extant representations of animals as (il)legitimate stakeholders and claimants with respect to accountability.

Submission Process

This special issue will adopt a two-phase submission process.

Authors who are interested in participating in this special issue are invited to submit a detailed 3,500 word proposal, clearly outlining the following aspects of their proposed study (where relevant): motivation and research question; informing literary perspective; research method; a plan outlining the feasibility of collecting data and achieving ethical clearance to do so in line with the deadlines for the special issue; and the anticipated empirical and theoretical contributions of the envisaged paper.

Proposals are due by August 1, 2018 and must be sent to Eija Vinnari by email: eija.vinnari@staff.uta.fi.

Authors will be informed by September 15, 2018 as to whether their proposal has been accepted or not. Authors with a successful proposal must submit a complete paper via <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/critical-perspectives-on-accounting> by July 1, 2019. All papers will be reviewed in accordance with the normal processes of Critical Perspectives on Accounting. It is anticipated that this special issue will be published in late 2020 or early 2021.

Any enquiry about this special issue can be directed at any of the editors at the following addresses:

j.baxter@unsw.edu.au, waifong.chua@sydney.edu.au, eija.vinnari@staff.uta.fi

For the FULL call for papers brief see the attachment in the email: CPA Call, Accounting and Animals



More Calls for Papers

Special Issue of
Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal
“Towards a Better Understanding of Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Research and Practice in North America”

Submission deadline for the Special Issue: October 1st, 2018

Guest Editors:

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For this Special Issue of Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal (SAMPJ)—in collaboration with the 7th North American Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research (7th CSEAR NA), we invite manuscripts that examine sustainability issues that are particularly relevant to the North American context.

The following topic areas highlight potential research themes linked to the North American context:

- Legalisation of cannabis
- Social housing
- Wildfires
- Indigenous peoples in a context of self-government and accountability
 - Development of carbon policies and carbon markets
 - Welcoming and integrating migrants and refugees
 - (Illegal) immigration
 - Money laundering and tax havens
 - Natural resources
 - Supply chain audit and responsible sourcing
 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
 - The impacts and roles of the political environment
- Involvement of the North American accounting profession in sustainability accounting and management
 - Pursuing sustainability research/doctoral studies in North America
 - Developing sustainability accounting and management education

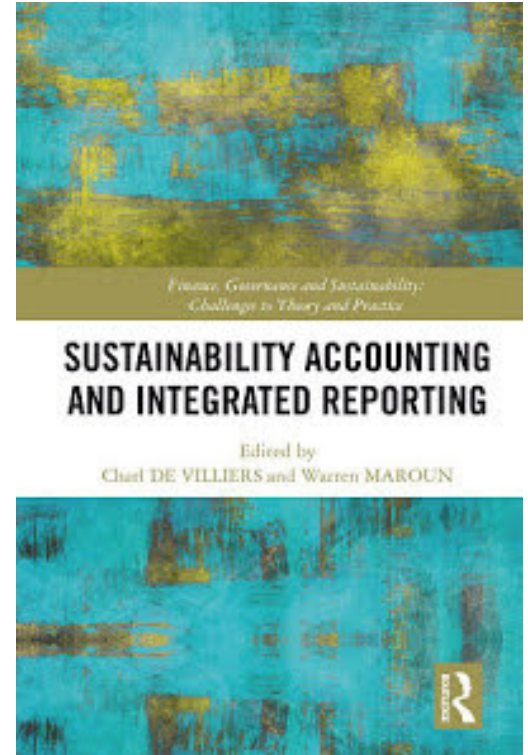
Important Notice: Submissions to the journal must be made using ScholarOne Manuscripts, the online submission and peer review system.

For the FULL call for papers brief see the attachment in the email: *Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal* Call for Paper

Our Members' New Publications

We Invite You To Support Our Member's Important
Research

The book, ***Sustainability Accounting and Integrated Reporting***, co-edited by Charl de Villiers and Warren Maroun, has recently been published by Routledge. The book deals with organizations' assessment, articulation and disclosure of their social and environmental impact on various groups in society, which we in the CSEAR community are all interested in. Organizations report ever more social and environmental information, and there are simultaneous movements towards providing the information in an integrated fashion, showing how social and environmental activities influence each other, members of society and the financial aims of the organization. The book provides a broad and comprehensive review of the field, focusing on the interconnection between different elements of these topics. The book examines the accounting involved in the collection and analysis of data, control processes over the data, how information is reported to external parties, and the assurance of the information being reported. The book thereby provides an overview useful to practitioners (including sustainability managers, consultants, members of the accounting profession, and other assurance providers), academics, and students. There are 13 chapters, which could well form the basis for a university course on the topic.



The book can be purchased through Amazon

Accountability, Social Responsibility and Sustainability: Accounting for Society and the Environment is now published!

Please contact Lori Leigh for information on
getting an extra copy at:
csear@st-andrews.ac.uk

Accountability, Social Responsibility and Sustainability

Accounting for Society and the Environment

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CSEAR Conferences

CSEAR UK - St Andrews University, School of Management

30th CSEAR International Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research: August 28-30th
Preceded by the Emerging Scholars Forum: August 27th

The CSEAR conference provides a forum for scholarly work in various stages of development. We invite you to submit a 250-word proposal/abstract to: csear@st-andrews.ac.uk



Second Call for Papers

Deadline is: April 15th, 2018*

* Please note that the submission deadline has been set earlier than previous years.

The 2018 North American Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research, Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto

7th CSEAR Summer School in North America: June 21-22nd

Second Call for Papers Deadline is: March 18th, 2018

Preceded by the Symposium and Best Paper Contest on Public Sector and Not for Profit Accounting: June 20th

Please send full papers and/or abstracts to CSEAR North America to: csearna@Ryerson.ca



7th CSEAR Italian Conference, Urbino University

September 20-21st 2nd CSEAR Italy Doctoral Colloquium:

September 19th

Free of Charge!

Call for Papers Deadline is: July 20th, 2018

Participants are kindly invited to submit in English (a) an abstract (less than 1000 words, excluding references) and (b) a one page CV to: csearitaly2018@uniurb.it



ACSEAR Conference, Monash University

December 4th - Emerging Scholars Forum

December 5th-7th Main Conference

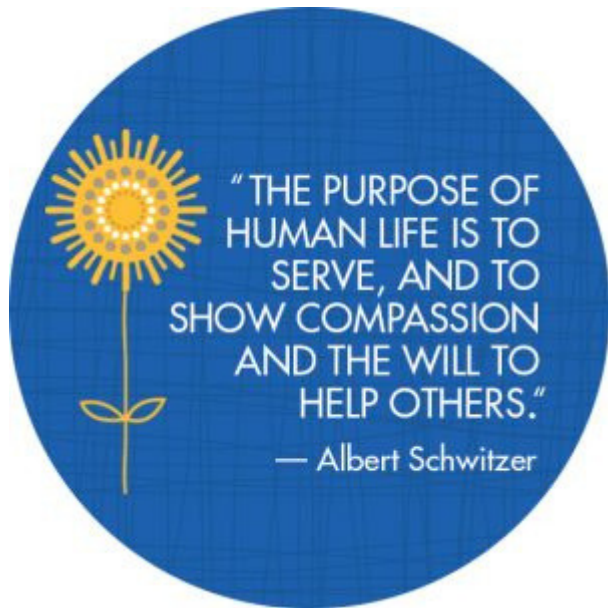
The submission deadline for research papers for A-CSEAR is

Monday, 6 August 2018.

Find out more at: <https://www.monash.edu/business/a-csear-conference-2018/about>



Extras



Neglected Hardcopy Journals Seek Loving Home for Mutual Support and Scholarship.

I have almost complete back-runs in hard copy of *British Accounting Review* (from 1984), *Accounting Organizations and Society* (from 1977), *Accounting, Auditing and Accountability* (from 1988) and *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* (from 1992). Free to good home and I'll even help with carriage if that is the problem. Rob Gray: rhg1@st-andrews.ac.uk

Call for Papers for *World Review of Science, Technology and Sustainable Development* on its Special Issue on Special Issue on: "Technological Innovation for Sustainable Development under Globalisation: Complementary Policy, Business and Financing Models". Please see email attachment for more details.

Important Workshop to Put in Your Diaries

Date and Time:

June 5th 9am-4.30pm

Venue:

COSLA Conference Centre, Edinburgh

Participants: Leading European business and human rights practitioners

Background:

The UN Human Rights Council unanimously endorsed the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) in 2011. Since then, the UN Human Rights Council, European Union (EU) Council of Europe and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have called for the development of National Action Plans (NAPs) to promote the implementation of the UNGPs around the world.

For more information see the full brief in the email attachments.



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We would love to hear your news! If you would like to contribute to the CSEAR newsletter send your information and photos to
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