

Call for Papers

Journal of Information Systems

Methodology



The *Journal of Information Systems* (JIS) is the academic journal of the Accounting Information Systems (AIS) Section of the American Accounting Association. Its goal is to support, promote, and advance accounting systems knowledge. The primary criterion for publication in *JIS* is contribution to the accounting information systems, accounting, and auditing domains by the application or understanding of information technology theory and practice.

Research methods change over time as new methods are developed, old methods are “rediscovered,” and current methods are refined. In addition, new tools are developed within existing methods such as new scales for measuring items, new data sets, etc. Researchers should be involved in creating new methods and in helping others to learn how to appropriately use current or old methods. To this end, *JIS* will adopt a registration-based editorial process for publishing well-developed methodology papers. This is an ongoing call for papers. There is no due date and papers will be processed as they arrive.

This call for papers reflects the desire for at least two types of papers:

Papers Discussing and Introducing a Methodology to Accounting Research: Papers in this area will provide an overview of methodologies that are new, forgotten, underappreciated, or frequently misused. The goal of these papers should be to help educate Association members on a method so they can produce more impactful research. Papers in this genre should describe the methodology, suggest how to use it, recommend how to review it, and provide examples of how to employ it in the AIS literature (including research questions). One potentially fruitful avenue for introducing methodology improvements into AIS is to look to other disciplines (e.g., computer science, engineering, etc.) that have developed methods that we do not use and introduce those methods into our literature.

Papers Developing New Methods within a given Methodology: Even within methods that are commonly used in our literature, there are often new developments that need exploring. For example, the rise of Mturk and similar platforms created new pools of experimental participants that past *JIS* studies have explored. Additional examples include developing and validating important scales, finding new or misused ways of analyzing data, or questioning the current status quo of how methods are employed. Papers in this area should clearly lay out the new methodological contribution, why the contribution is important (including examples of how it could improve research or examples of how it is misused), and suggestions for future use in the AIS literature.

Registration-based Editorial Process

Stage 1a: Author submits a proposal via the *Journal of Information Systems* submission system (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/isys/default.aspx>) that describes the topic they will address.

Stage 1b: Referees and editors will evaluate the proposal through one or more rounds of review. Accepted proposals will receive “in-principle acceptance.”

Stage 2a: Author submits a “Registered Report” describing the original intent and actual execution of the study approved in Stage 1.

Stage 2b: Referees and editors evaluate whether the authors have executed their planned analyses and whether these analyses sufficiently conform to the proposal. Those that have will have their papers published in *JIS*.

Stage 3 (if necessary): Papers that require additional revisions will be given one more opportunity to revise their work.

If you have any questions, please contact the editor of methodology papers: Professor David Wood davidwood@byu.edu, or the *JIS* editorial office at JIS@aaahq.org.