

Call for Papers

**Navigating Complexity: Supervision, Innovation,
and Global Uncertainty in Financial Services**



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The Journal of Financial Supervisors Academy (JFSA) invites original academic research and professional insights for **Volume Two**, exploring the evolving challenges and innovations shaping financial supervision today. As technological disruption, geopolitical shifts, and regulatory fragmentation redefine the global financial landscape, this volume seeks to bridge theory and practice through high-quality, interdisciplinary contributions.

1. CROSS-BORDER FINANCE IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD

CAN CROSS-BORDER FINANCE THRIVE IN AN ERA OF DIVERGING REGULATORY REGIMES AND TECHNOLOGICAL DISRUPTION?

We invite contributions that critically assess supervisory cooperation, enforcement, and the global management of financial innovation, particularly in relation to crypto-assets. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Crypto-asset service providers (CASPs) and cross-border passporting under MiCA
- Harmonization vs. fragmentation in supervision across jurisdictions
- Barriers to effective cross-border crypto oversight and enforcement
- Technology and data-sharing in cross-border enforcement

RELEVANT DISCIPLINES: LAW, FINANCIAL REGULATION, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, DATA SCIENCE, ECONOMICS

2. GEOPOLITICS, SANCTIONS, AND SYSTEMIC RISK IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

HOW ARE POLITICAL SHOCKS AND GLOBAL TENSIONS ALTERING THE STRUCTURE OF FINANCIAL SUPERVISION AND RESILIENCE?

We welcome papers exploring the influence of geopolitical risk on regulatory strategy, financial market stability, and supervisory preparedness. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Impacts of sanctions, trade realignments, and global power shifts on EU financial services
- Stress-testing frameworks to address political volatility
- How geopolitical shifts are shaping financial markets, institutions, and regulatory priorities
- Regulatory responses to disinformation and misinformation in financial services

RELEVANT DISCIPLINES: POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW, FINANCIAL ECONOMICS, RISK MANAGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL POLICY

3. REGULATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESILIENCE

IS THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ENHANCING SUPERVISORY EFFECTIVENESS OR EXPOSING NEW SYSTEMIC VULNERABILITIES?

This theme focuses on the integration of RegTech, SupTech, and AI in supervisory work, and the implications for cyber resilience and regulatory innovation. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Cyber resilience frameworks in supervisory regimes to address the rise of cyber insecurity
- RegTech and SupTech adoption - promises and risks
- Sustainable and responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence for the enhancement of supervisory effectiveness

RELEVANT DISCIPLINES: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CYBERSECURITY, LAW, PUBLIC POLICY, DATA SCIENCE, SUPERVISION

4. TOWARDS SMART REGULATION: SIMPLIFICATION, EFFECTIVENESS, AND IMPACT

CAN SMARTER REGULATION REDUCE BURDEN WHILE STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT AND PUBLIC TRUST?

This theme encourages research and insights on regulatory simplification, literacy, and supervisory impact, especially in the context of cross-border cooperation. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Deregulation and burden-reduction strategies
- Strengthening financial literacy and its effectiveness as a long-term supervisory goal
- The AMLA's potential impact on cross-border AML/CFT cooperation and enforcement

RELEVANT DISCIPLINES: LAW, BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS, AML/CFT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION, POLICY STUDIES

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- Adhere to the OSCOLA referencing style.
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- Be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format.
- Include a cover proposal outlining the manuscript's significance, originality, and a confirmation that it has not been submitted elsewhere.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Submission Deadline:** 16 February 2026
- **Author Notification:** May 2026

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT?

We encourage contributions from:

- Academics and researchers in law, finance, economics, political science, and technology
- Financial supervisors, regulators, and compliance professionals
- Emerging scholars and professionals with practical insights from supervisory practice

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