

## **Management and Economics Research Journal (MERJ)**

**Special issue call for papers on:**

**“Analysis of global food commodities and energy markets”**

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### **Purpose and Research Problem / Theme**

The sharp increase in global food commodity prices in recent years have raised concerns to governments in developing countries as increasing number of low income groups became vulnerable to high inflation rates. Increasing volatility in agriculture commodity prices creates uncertainty to farmers to meet the rising demand for agricultural food commodities, and to consumers to manage future spending plans. Analysts attribute the rising volatility in food commodity prices to a number of factors, among them speculations in future commodity markets; crude oil price changes and its impact on biofuel commodity markets; and to structural change in global demand for food items. While substantial research efforts have been taking place for the past few years on food policy issues, the issue of energy markets volatility transmission to global food markets have received relatively little attention in empirical research. It is widely believed that global food system is heavily dependent on energy prices, not only through transportation cost effect, but also energy as inputs in food production and packaging processes. It is also viewed that oil price hikes can influence food prices by shifting production from wheat and rice to produce corn and sugar cane for biofuel production. Another factor that may also exert an influence on global food price hikes is the increasing demand for food commodities by the fast growing economies, such as China, India, and Brazil. Whatever would be the prime cause behind the soaring food commodity prices, it is important to investigate spillover effects of energy prices on food prices to capture empirical regularities that characterize commodity markets.

### **Potential Topics of Interest**

We welcome papers within the broad areas of global food and energy markets, with special focus on topics less covered by previous literature. We seek both theoretical and empirical papers that may address, but are not limited to, the following list of potential topics:

- Volatility analysis of food commodities and energy prices
- Interdependence of food commodities and energy price changes
- Forecast of energy price changes
- Forecast of food commodities price changes
- Determinants of global food commodities prices change
- Demand analysis of global food commodities
- Future commodity markets

- Global environmental change and food commodity prices
- Crude oil price change and bio-fuel commodity markets
- Demand analysis of global food commodity markets
- Food security policies
- Regional politics and crude oil production

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3. Case study: Max. word count: 3000; Max. no. of references: 30

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- Deadline for submission of papers: Sep 30, 2019
- Notification of acceptance of papers: Nov 30, 2019
- Deadline for final revised papers: Dec 30, 2019
- Tentative publication of the issue: January 30, 2020

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