

# CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

“MICROFINANCE IN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: ISSUES, POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION”

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The aim of this edited book is to provide state of the art review and analysis of the microfinance industry with respect to three main themes: (1) review of microfinance in developing and developed countries; (2) evaluation of policies and managerial tools designed to support small businesses through microfinance; and (3) performance assessment and the role of microfinance rating agencies.

## THEMES:

### **1) Review of microfinance in developing and developed countries**

Under this theme, we invite papers that focus on the development and characteristics of the microfinance sector. In particular we are interested in papers that review, compare and analyse the common and distinct features of the microfinance industry in various developing or developed countries. We will also consider papers that review and analyse the recent global financial crisis and its impact on the microfinance sector in various countries.

### **2) Evaluation of policies and managerial tools designed to support small businesses through microfinance**

States, donors and other microfinance promoters have introduced and implemented various policies and instruments targeted at supporting micro and small enterprises (MSEs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs). We welcome papers that deal with issues such as: microfinance policies formulation, implementation and evaluation; planning methods and tools for MFIs; managerial models for MSEs; and lessons learned from successful and/or unsuccessful policies, programmes and instruments.

### **3) Performance assessment and the role of microfinance rating agencies**

Traditional financial and accounting ratios are insufficient in providing meaningful evaluation of the performance of microfinance institutions (MFIs). This is mainly due to high reliance on subsidies by most MFIs at least in the early years of operation. We invite papers that propose innovative approaches in assessing the performance of MFIs as well as papers that analyse current practices and methods of performance evaluation. We are also interested in papers that investigate the role of microfinance rating agencies and assess the nature and quality of rating agencies' evaluation reports.

In addition to the themes listed above we will consider other papers that deal with issues related to microfinance.

## LANGUAGE

Manuscripts are submitted in the English language only.

## DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Abstract submission deadline: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Manuscript submission deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Following the review process, the final version of accepted manuscripts should be submitted by: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012
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## SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Manuscripts in the English language only**, should be submitted electronically in MS-Word to Jean-Pierre Gueyie, Joint Guest Editor, at: [gueyie.jean-pierre@uqam.ca](mailto:gueyie.jean-pierre@uqam.ca) or at: [gueyiejp@gmail.com](mailto:gueyiejp@gmail.com). All manuscripts will be put through a review process. Please follow the format and style outlined in the attached *Palgrave McMillan Guidelines for Authors*.

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