

Special Issue Call for Papers: Global Education 4.0 for Operations and Supply Chain Management

As with each industrial revolution before, the Industry 4.0 era has created the Education 4.0 paradigm. The pedagogical literature regarding needed knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) has evolved over the past years (Visich *et al.*, 2021). Despite the abundance of KSAs and competencies studies in the operations and supply chain management (OSCM) field, several scholars (Stek and Schiele, 2021; van Hoek, 2021; Nikookar, and Yanadori, 2022) emphasized the need to explore the trends for the OSCM professional development and the required entry-level talent/skills to be better prepared for entering the workplace.

The *Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education (DSJIE)* is seeking submissions for a special issue dedicated to teaching in this Global Education 4.0 era, i.e., innovative methods for teaching the KSAs to meet the needs of OSCM professionals in the Industry 4.0 era. The topics for this special issue include but are not limited to:

- Evidence-based learning outcomes for the training of key competencies, both transversal (soft) and disciplinary (hard), in the OSCM profession.
- The improvement of existing programs and courses to fill the educational gap for OSCM in Education 4.0.
- In-class exercises or projects that lead to KSA for OSCM in the Education 4.0 era.
- Innovative educational methods and techniques that utilize Industry 4.0 technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, blockchain, Radio Frequency Identification, and other OSCM technologies.
- Innovative educational methods that teach software skills in supply chain planning, supply chain visibility, inventory management, warehouse management systems, and transportation management systems.
- Comprehensive in-class exercises that focus on problem-solving KSAs for OSCM: problem identification, problem definition, information gathering, analysis, and implementation.

For this special issue, *DSJIE* is interested in conceptual and empirical papers, and teaching briefs that focus on Global Education 4.0. Please reference

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15404609/homepage/forauthors.html> for definitions of article formats. We welcome submissions that describe novel methods and/or approaches to undergraduate or MBA-level OSCM courses. We are especially interested in submissions that target the Education 4.0 KSAs for OSCM professional development.

Review Process and Publication Timeline: Submissions will be considered on a rolling basis as they arrive. The deadlines are listed below:

- Manuscript submissions: **March 31st, 2024**
- Final acceptance decisions: December 31st, 2024
- Publication: April 2025

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