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Amfiteatru Economic aims to facilitate communication, namely to disseminate research interests and results of scientific research in the field of economics and business administration among the international and local scientific community, as well as to stimulate intercultural and interdisciplinary dialogue at a global level on some topical issues in the aforementioned fields. The journal militates for promoting values such as: original intellectual creation, works quality and scientific level, empirical research stimulation, emphasis on the applicative character of published articles and the training of young researchers in creating scientific works of value and impact.

Amfiteatru Economic stands out as the only Romanian journal that proposes the authors to approach a different current economic topic, for each journal issue. These topics, also accompanied by an explanatory note in English and Romanian, are announced a year before on the journal website, both in English and Romanian.

1. Articles Review

Reception and registration of articles from authors takes place only through a platform that is integrated with the journal’s website and only under the condition of attaching a Declaration by which each author of a manuscript assumes responsibility for the originality of the submitted content.

Prior to entering the actual review process, an article’s eligibility is evaluated. The process takes into account the following criteria:
* Thematic matching;
* The degree of similarity (plagiarism), each article being subjected to an anti-plagiarism check by means of a dedicated, journal-owned application;
* The research originality and correctness;
* The quality of the English scientific writing;
* The compliance with the authors’ guide, presentation guidelines, and references.

An article is eligible if it meets at least four criteria (except for the degree of similarity). A manuscript with a degree of similarity greater than 10% is rejected ex officio. Articles passing this stage are subject to the **double-blind peer review procedure**, each one being analysed by two external reviewers and/or associate publishers. In case of an equal number of votes, the article is reviewed by a third associate editor of the journal.

### 2. Journal Content Scientific Relevance

The journal encloses the following sections: **Papers on the predetermined topic**, **Economic Interferences** (includes invited articles, authored by renowned personalities in the local and international academic environment) and the **Amfiteatru Economic Recommends** section that encloses: **Good practices** (reflects special experiences that are of interest to the journal readers); **Essay** (contains interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, cross disciplinary and transdisciplinary articles of theoretical and philosophical nature with economic specificity), **Personalia** (evocation of researchers and academics that marked the Romanian and European economic sciences) and **Reviews** (allows dissemination of information regarding prestigious new works and publications in the economic field).

Scientific relevance of the journal contents is ensured by: Scientific Council – consisting of 19 personalities (out of which 13 are affiliated to foreign universities); Editorial team – consisting of 20 editors (six of whom are from abroad), university professors and experienced researchers, all of them holding PhD. degrees in economic sciences. The 2019 average value of the editorial team members’ Hirsch index is **5.16 in Web of Science** (in 2016 it was 3.31), **4.84 in Scopus** (in 2016 it was 2.90), respectively **10.84 in Google Scholar** (in 2016 it was 5.95).

Article acceptance for publication follows the “double-blind peer review” procedure; the journal also has an important body of 62 external reviewers from the local and international academic environment who cover multiple specializations in the field of economics.

### 3. Journal Scientometric Indexes Published in 2019

The journal is part of the mainstream of international economic scientific publications, gaining international recognition and visibility. This is certified by the journal’s main scientometric indexes **computed for 2018 (and published in JCR 2019)**, as shown below.

**Clarivate Analytics Web of Science**

- Impact factor = 1.238
- H index = 19

Based on the impact factor, the **Amfiteatru Economic** journal is placed in the 2nd Quartile of the Economics domain in Web of Science, taking in 2019 the 179th place, out of 362 journals. Since 2017, the journal is also indexed in the Management (place 119 out of 147, 4th Quartile) and Business (place 169 out of 217, 4th Quartile) domains.
The *Amfiteatru Economic* journal was among the first 50% of the economic science magazines, being included in the “yellow” award zone by UEFISCDI in 2019, based on its impact factor.

Scopus Database
SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) 2019 = 0,237
H index: 16 (June 2019)

Google Scholar
H index: 30 (July 2019)
i10 index = 174 (July 2019)

Index Copernicus International
Index Copernicus Value 2017 (published in 2018) = 145,81

Global Impact Factor (GIF)
Impact Factor = 0,987

Research Papers in Economics (RePEc)
Impact Factor = 0,298
H index = 6 (July 2019)

UEFSCDI
Relative Influence Score 2019 = 0,102

In order to perform a comparative analysis of the scientometric indexes between July 2016 and July 2019 we present the corresponding data below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Clarivate Analytics Web of Science</th>
<th>Scientometric Indexes</th>
<th>Impact Factor (IF)</th>
<th>Five-years IF</th>
<th>Article Influence Score (AIS)</th>
<th>FI without self-citations</th>
<th>Total citations</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018 (published in 2019)</td>
<td>1,238</td>
<td>0,890</td>
<td>0,060</td>
<td>1,192</td>
<td>452</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017 (published in 2018)</td>
<td>0,664</td>
<td>0,566</td>
<td>0,062</td>
<td>0,657</td>
<td>315</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016 (published in 2017)</td>
<td>0,581</td>
<td>0,530</td>
<td>0,059</td>
<td>0,534</td>
<td>223</td>
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According to Clarivate Analytics Web of Science, the journal’s Hirsch index had the following evolution: 11 in May 2016 – 19 in June 2019.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Scopus Database</th>
<th>Scientometric Indexes</th>
<th>SNIP</th>
<th>Cite Score</th>
<th>SJR</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2018 (published</td>
<td>0,529</td>
<td>0,86</td>
<td>0,237</td>
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<tr>
<td>2017 (published</td>
<td>0,372</td>
<td>0,51</td>
<td>0,180</td>
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<tr>
<td>2016 (published</td>
<td>0,480</td>
<td>0,427</td>
<td>0,250</td>
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</table>
Google Scholar

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>H-index</th>
<th>i10-index</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>174</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>129</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>65</td>
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Index Copernicus International Value (each index is published during the next year)

- **2018 published in 2019** (evaluation not yet finished)
- 2016 (published in 2017): 136,27
- 2014 (published in 2015): 117,38
- 2012 (published in 2013): 14,22

Global Impact Factor (GIF) (each index is published during the next year), not updated since 2016

- 2015 (published in 2016): 0,987
- 2014 (published in 2015): 0,897
- 2013 (published in 2014): 0,765
- 2012 (published in 2013): 0,678

RePEc (Impact factor)

- **2018 (published in 2019): 0,240**
- 2017 (published in 2018): 0,317
- 2016 (published in 2017): 0,282
- 2015 (published in 2016): 0,185
- 2014 (published in 2015): 0,150

4. Journal Website Traffic Report

As the year 2019 is not over yet, we show the traffic values for 2018.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Value for 2018</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total number of visitors</td>
<td>34,654</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of one-time visitors</td>
<td>20,029</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First-time visitors percent</td>
<td>81.08% - 19.566</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Loyal users</td>
<td>18.92% - 4.567</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of pages accessed</td>
<td>147,884</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average number of pages accessed on a site visit</td>
<td>4,27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The number of site visitors’ countries of origin</td>
<td>149</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Also in 2018, the journal website of has been accessed by visitors from 149 countries, Romania having the largest number of visitors, respectively 16,769 visitors, but there are other countries with a significant number of visitors such as: United Kingdom - 2,209, USA - 1,606, Australia - 940, Germany and Turkey - 807, Serbia - 750, China, India and Russia - 500, Poland and Czech Republic - 450, Sweden, the Netherlands, Canada, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Portugal, Hungary, Ukraine - over 300 visitors.

5. Amfiteatru Economic compared with similar journals

In “Core economics” (Economics, Business, Business & Finance, Management) from Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics), three Romanian economic journals are indexed, namely Amfiteatru Economic, Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research (published under the patronage of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies), and Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting, published by the Institute of Forecasting within the Romanian Academy. The status of the scientometric indicators for the three journals is shown in the following table.

Journal Citation Research/2018 (published in 2019)
Database: Clarivate Analytics Web of Science
The three Romanian journals in Economics category

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Journal</th>
<th>Impact factor</th>
<th>Five-years IF</th>
<th>Article Influence Score (AIS)</th>
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<th>Quartile</th>
<th>H index</th>
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<tr>
<td>Amfiteatru Economic</td>
<td>1,238</td>
<td>0,890</td>
<td>0,060</td>
<td>1,192</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>179/363</td>
<td>Q2</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research</td>
<td>0,973</td>
<td>0,745</td>
<td>0,100</td>
<td>0,850</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>232/363</td>
<td>Q3</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting</td>
<td>0,725</td>
<td>0,561</td>
<td>0,051</td>
<td>0,562</td>
<td>320</td>
<td>277/363</td>
<td>Q4</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Amfiteatru Economic occupies a leading position in 2019, not only when compared against the Romanian economic journals found in the Journal Citation Reports of the Web of Science, but also to other Romanian and South-Eastern European journals. The exact situation is shown in the following table.

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<tr>
<td>Amfiteatru Economic</td>
<td>Economics</td>
<td>1,238</td>
<td>0,102</td>
<td>0,060</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environmental Engineering and Management Journal</td>
<td>Environmental Sciences</td>
<td>1,186</td>
<td>0,150</td>
<td>0,080</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E&amp;M Economics and Management</td>
<td>Economics</td>
<td>1,211</td>
<td>0,119</td>
<td>0,070</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ER - Ekonomiska Istrazivanjia</td>
<td>Economics</td>
<td>1,381</td>
<td>0,200</td>
<td>0,122</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Textile industry</td>
<td>Materials Science, Textiles</td>
<td>0,504</td>
<td>0,324</td>
<td>0,046</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transformations in Business &amp; Economics</td>
<td>Business</td>
<td>1,058</td>
<td>0,092</td>
<td>0,056</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
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</table>
6. Database Indexing

The *Amfiteatru Economic* journal is also indexed in nine prestigious international databases, nine international registers; six international and two national virtual libraries, in the Union of Romanian Professional Journalists database, as well as in Scipio, respectively in the National Council of Scientific Research in Romania (CNCS) database.

A. International databases:
   - Clarivate Analytics Web of Science Services
     - Social Sciences Citation Index®
     - Social Scisearch®
     - Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition
   - EBSCO Publishing
   - Elsevier B.V. Bibliographic Databases (SCOPUS)
   - ProQuest LLC
   - Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
   - Journal of Economic Literature (EconLit)
   - Research Papers in Economics (RePEc)
   - Central and Eastern European Online Library (CEEOL)
   - ROAD

B. International registers:
   - EconStor
   - The European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (ERIH PLUS)
   - GIF (Global Impact Factor)
   - Google Scholar
   - Index Copernicus International
   - ResearchGate
   - Scientific Journal Impact Factor
   - Open Academic Journals Index
   - World catalogue of Scientific Journal

C. Virtual libraries:
   - International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)
   - Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities (Business Directories - Economics & Finance)
   - Ulrichsweb Global Serials Directory
   - ZBW - Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Wirtschaftswissenschaften
   - Electronic Journal Library
   - Socionet

D. National libraries and indexes:
   - CNCSIS (National Council of Scientific Research in Higher Education)
   - Union of Romanian Professional Journalists
   - Scipio
   - Central University Library, Bucharest, Romania (Catalog BCU)
   - National Library of Romania (Online catalog)

The journal participates in an **inter-library exchange** with 16 national university libraries, but also with two libraries in Germany: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin Preussischer Kulturbesitz (SBB) and Bibliothekssystem Universität Hamburg Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Fachbibliotheken.
7. Journal Promotion Activities

In order to promote the journal between 2016 and 2019, four meetings were held with its readers and authors, namely:

- University of Debrecen, Doctoral School of Management and Business - April 25, 2018;
- University of Economics in Katowice, Poland - May 24, 2018;
- Spiru Haret University, Bucharest - December 14, 2018;
- “Dunărea de Jos” University in Galați, Department for Continuous Education and Technological Transfer – April 18, 2019.

Since 2015, the *Amfiteatru Economic* journal, in a partnership with the Faculty of Business and Tourism and the BASIQ Association (http://basiq.ro/), holds an annual scientific event and organizes an international conference on the topic of *New Trends in Sustainable Business and Consumption* (http://conference.ase.ro/)

- 1st Edition, organized at ASE Bucharest on June 18 - 19, 2015;
- 2nd Edition, organized at the University of Konstanz, Germany, on June 2 - 3 2016;
- 3rd Edition, organized at the Pedagogische Hochschule Steriermark in Graz, Austria, on May 31 - June 3, 2017;
- 4th Edition, organized at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, on May 31 - June 3, 2018;

In 2019, the *Amfiteatru Economic* journal has celebrated 20 years since its first publication and 11 years since its indexation in Web of Science. On this occasion, a book about the journal, in Romanian and English, was developed, a unique book in the 106-year history of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies.
Also between 2016 and 2019, the editors of the Amfiteatru Economic journal, Vasile Dinu, Gheorghe Săvoiu, and Dan Cristian Dabija published a book as a result of the experience accumulated in working for the journal, titled “To design, to write and to publish a scientific article. An approach in the context of economic research”. The first edition appeared in 2016, and the second edition in 2017.

Both the journal and the journal website are undergoing a continuous process of improvement and increase in visibility. Thus, since 2014, all the published articles have included indications on the proper citation, and the journal editors are constantly careful about the correctness of the citations recorded in the international databases like Clarivate Analytics Web of Science, Scopus etc. The journal web page also presents a series of statistical data regarding the journal’s scientometric indicators, as well as the top citations and downloads in the last period (continuous updating), award-winning articles, etc.

Throughout its 20 years of existence, the journal has undergone important transformations in form and content, but especially in terms of quality, currently holding a leading place among the Romanian and Eastearn-European scientific publications in the field of economics. Amfiteatru Economic encourages high scientific research, which contributes to a larger horizon of knowledge in the national and international economic field. Our journal aims to become a prestigious forum for interdisciplinary debates, both at the theoretical and practical/applicative level, addressing research topics relevant on a national, regional, and international level.

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