In the past, many of the cutting-edge advances in brand management research have been achieved through the consideration of new perspectives on brands (e.g., brands as co-created objects, Ind et al., 2013; brands as experiences, Brakus et al., 2009; brands as services, Vargo & Lusch, 2004; brand orientation, Urde, 1999). Today, in a more than turbulent world (Dennis & Melewar, 2010) that can be characterized by social misalignments, politically unstable environments and a rapidly changing communication context (Keller 2009), new and fresh perspectives are again more than urgently needed (Sheth & Sisodia, 2015). Start-ups, artists and creative industries have always been a source of innovation and inspiration (Weiblen & Chesbrough, 2015; Baumgarth & O’Reilly, 2014) and are therefore appropriate objects of analysis for brand managers who are looking for adequate ways to deal with the new challenges.

Building on the above, this Special Issue of the Journal of Marketing Management will center on start-ups, arts and creative industries. This call is running in parallel with the annual Academy of Marketing conference in Berlin in May 2019, the 14th Global Brand Conference (www.gbc2019.berlin) Participation in the conference is a prerequisite for submission to JMM. The conference theme is “Start-ups, Arts and Creative Industries: Fresh Perspectives on Brands” and the deadline for submission of extended abstracts to the conference is 5 November, 2018.

Some of the questions that could tackle the overall theme include, but are not limited to the following:

- Do start-ups need a specific approach to branding due to their nature and the dynamics of growth?
- What can established brands learn from the brand management of start-ups and vice-versa?
- How do artist and brands collaborate? How does art influence a brand’s identity and its meaning?
- How should the cooperation between artists and corporate organizations work? Has the traditional mistrust between the arts and brands been eliminated?
- Considering a co-creative perspective, what should the new role of the creative industries be within the brand management process? What role does creativity play in brand management and branding?

Our overall goal is to propose ideas to exploit new perspectives that are contributing to the further development of the brand management discipline. Therefore, we invite original research and in-depth conceptual papers, addressing the above challenges, as well as those focusing on a broad range of other topics within brand, identity, and corporate reputation, as long as they provide fresh perspectives and innovative insights, including:

- B2B Brands
- Big Data Analytics and Brands
- Brand Avoidance and Aversion
- Brand Co-Creation
- Brand Equity
- Brand Experience
- Brand Image and Identity
- Brand Love and Loyalty
- Brand Orientation
- Corporate and Umbrella Brands
- Ethical, Charity, and Green Brands
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- Internal Branding
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