Transforming Brand Equity Through Digital Tools: AI, Big Data, and Cloud Computing in the EU27

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Abstract

This study provides a novel framework for understanding how digital tools impact brand

equity and globalisation within the EU27. By integrating data from the DESI

Visualization Tool, World Bank Open Data, and the Observatory of Economic

Complexity, the research constructs a globalisation degree indicator and uses an Ordinary

Least Squares (OLS) predictive model to analyse the relationship between these tools and

trade intensity, moderated by population size and economic context. Artificial intelligence

(AI) emerges as the most significant driver, with cloud computing and big data serving

critical enabling roles and social media contributing indirectly. The predictive model

explains 49.27% of the variance in globalisation degree, highlighting economic and

demographic influences. This research bridges gaps in the literature by linking

digitalisation, brand equity, and globalisation, emphasising AI's transformative role and

the complementary impacts of cloud computing, big data over social media thus

providing a valuable framework for practitioners to reprioritise AI investments over

engagement-driven social media models.

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