

# Special Issue

## Advances in Applied Economics: Trade, Growth and Policy Modeling

### Message from the Guest Editors

The Global South faces interconnected challenges of persistent poverty, gender disparities, fragile trade systems, and environmental degradation. The 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), underscore the need for integrated approaches to foster inclusive and sustainable economic progress. However, the synergies between trade policies and sustainable development remain underexplored, particularly in the context of Global South economies. This Special Issue invites rigorous empirical and comparative studies to explore how governance frameworks, trade mechanisms, and gender-responsive policies can mutually reinforce sustainable economic outcomes. We seek contributions that bridge economics, political science, sociology, and environmental studies to address pressing questions: What role do local cooperatives and digital trade platforms play in empowering communities? How can fair and equitable trade systems be designed to promote economic resilience? Additionally, we encourage innovative methodologies to assess the economic, social, and ecological impacts of integrated policy reforms.

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