

Special Issue

Emergy Accounting, Planetary Survival, Prosperous Way Down and Environmental Policy Making

Message from the Guest Editors

In the month of January 2025, the 12th Emergy Conference will take place in Gainesville, FL USA, specifically dedicated to applications and development of the emergy accounting approach introduced by the ecologist Howard T. Odum in the 1970s. “Emergy” is a measure of the support provided by the biosphere to all systems, ecosystems, and processes on Earth, thanks to the availability of resources in the form of materials and energy. Considering the deep link between the emergy method and environmental issues, we suggest to dedicate a Special Issue of *Environments* to topics that will be an important part of the conference and still are of huge interest in worldwide research aiming at planetary survival and sustainability: biodiversity, ecosystem services, sustainability and resilience, agriculture, wetland, forestry, freshwater and marine ecosystem protection, culture and information, urban systems, environmental policy making, and prosperous way down, among others. Review and research papers are welcome; either they can be presented at the conference or simply submitted by scholars who are unable to attend it.

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