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Food Policy, Strategy and Safety in the Middle East

Message from the Guest Editors

The Middle East encompasses countries characterized by distinct politico-economic dynamics that influence food systems differently across the Arabian Peninsula, the Levant, Turkey, Egypt, Iran, and Iraq. For most, the viability of the food systems to sustain the growing populations while ensuring a safe food supply is threatened by the overuse of groundwater, now compounded by the effects of climate change. Nevertheless, the factors shaping the region's ability to formulate and ensure the effective execution of relevant policies are subject to significant variations among the countries to tackle critical issues such as food security, foodborne disease prevention, water scarcity, and trade enhancement. The outcomes of these efforts hold immense significance for the social and health well-being of future generations. This Special Issue on "Food Policy, Strategy, and Safety in the Middle East" aims to present a comprehensive outlook on these crucial areas by gathering insights into current challenges, transformations in food systems, and the development or urgent implementation of policies to enhance food safety and security, and a glance into future directions.

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