

Special Issue

From Waste to Systems Change: Governance, Innovation and Integration for Sustainable Food Futures

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue fosters interdisciplinary dialogue on transformative approaches to food waste prevention and valorization. Food waste is not only a technical or logistical issue but also a systemic challenge shaped by behavioral, regulatory, and socio-economic contexts. Moving beyond conventional recycling, the Issue emphasizes governance frameworks, regulatory innovation, behavioral change, and stakeholder engagement to drive systemic solutions. We welcome research on prevention at the source, including policy design, incentive mechanisms, supply chain coordination, and consumer behavior. Equally, we seek studies on innovative, scalable valorization pathways, while assessing social and environmental trade-offs through tools such as life cycle assessment and social impact metrics. A key objective is to translate interdisciplinary research into industrial practice and policy. We particularly encourage submissions offering actionable insights, case studies, and integrative frameworks that bridge disciplines, highlighting the roles of governance, civic engagement, and system-level interventions in building sustainable and circular food systems.

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