

Special Issue

Assistive Technology and the Wellbeing of Societies from a Capabilities Approach

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue considers assistive technology (AT) and environmental intervention (EI) through the lens of Sen's capability approach and Nussbaum's capabilities approach (CA). AT includes assistive products and related services. EI refers to adaptations to a person's environment. AT and EI represent a continuum of impactful yet under-realised enablers. The evidence basis for AT and EI concerns the medicine, rehabilitation, vocational, education, and engineering fields and, as we argue, often focusses on individuals rather than societies. From the perspective of CA, we invite authors to theoretically and empirically explore the links between access to AT or EI and justice, equity, or the wellbeing of societies.

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