

Special Issue

Interconnection Between Environmental Issues and Social Justice

Message from the Guest Editor

Research examining the connection between environmental issues and social justice has the potential to address disproportionate impacts on vulnerable populations. There are people who experience environmental harm based on factors such as their zip code, race, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or access to institutions. These inequities are unjust and contribute to disparities related to numerous social issues including food insecurity, disaster resilience, access to health care, and mental health. A recent federal plan from the National Science and Technology Council identified four thematic areas in which research could contribute to advancing environmental (and social) justice: 1) enhancing meaningful involvement and engagement of the public; 2) fortifying just treatment, equitable access, and protection from environmental injustice; 3) strengthening work and partnership with non-federal entities; and 4) institutionalizing environmental justice. With this research plan as a framework, this Special Issue strives to include papers addressing both the challenges and successes of ensuring a safe environment that will contribute to social justice for all.

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