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Sustainability Policy: Key Actors in Its Design—the Role of Public Administration, Policy Entrepreneurs and the Judicial System

Message from the Guest Editors

In the public sector, public administration plays a central role in the planning, formulation, and implementation of sustainability policies. Policy entrepreneurs—whether elected officials, civil servants, academics, or social activists—contribute to advancing innovative ideas in the field of sustainability. The judicial system also plays a significant role in defining the boundaries of sustainability policy. Courts serve as institutions of judicial review and frequently adjudicate cases related to environmental rights, urban planning, resource allocation, and intergenerational equity. Through statutory interpretation or landmark rulings, the judiciary system influences the implementation of sustainability policies and the scope of governmental authority in these matters. In conclusion, the design of sustainability policy is a complex process involving interactions among various institutional and political actors—particularly the civil service, policy entrepreneurs, the executive branch, and the judiciary system—operating within a multi-systemic framework to promote balanced, equitable, and long-term development.

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