



## Green Growth and Pathways of Poverty Eradication

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Over the last two decades, especially in the aftermath of the Rio+20 Conference in 2012, the concept of a green economy has rapidly evolved from being an intriguing idea on the margins of environmental economics toward becoming a mainstream component of the policy discourse on sustainable growth and development (Carius et al. 2016, UNEP 2011). The concept of the “green economy” implies the development of low carbon and natural resource-efficient settings, which prevents loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services. A green economy does not replace the concept of sustainable development. Continuous degradation of natural capital and environmental amenities cannot assure long-term economic growth and high standards of living. Hence, long-term sustainable development comes to its own only over broadening the sustainable development perspective by including the green growth concept.

The papers within the framework of this Special Issue will be authored by both academic observers and practitioners in green economy and its effects on the poor in developing countries, which are mostly operating within the informal sector of the economy (Loewenstein and Bender 2017).





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