



Sustainability of Online Communities and Online Communities for Sustainability

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue invites theoretical and empirical contributions to develop the idea of “online community sustainability.” Online communities, from groups on social networks, to neighborhood online groups, to online communities of practice, have become a de facto part of our lives. However, despite their extensive success stories and their impact in society, many of them face a number of challenges, particularly with respect to sustainability. The goal of this Special Issue is to explore the topic of online communities and sustainability.

The Special Issue aims to extend the rich literature of studies of online communities, including online production communities, online social support communities, and hyperlocal online communities, with a focus on the issue of their relationship to sustainability. Further, it aims to bring together researchers from the broader set of disciplines researching issues of sustainability and resilience in general, and community sustainability and resilience specifically. Such broad participation can support better understanding of the issues of sustainability within the context of online presence and participation.





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