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Over the last few decades, food systems have been central in the debate on sustainable development, such as in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The challenges have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic that has highlighted the unsustainability and vulnerability of modern food systems and caused an impending global food emergency.

This Special Issue addresses but is not limited to the following topics:

- Conceptualization, design, and operationalization of sustainable food systems at different levels (global, regional, national, city-region, local);
- Methods, approaches, and models for the assessment of agri-food sustainability in food systems (production/agriculture, processing, distribution, consumption, waste management);
- Sustainability transitions in agri-food systems (theories, frameworks, models, good practices, and promising initiatives);
- New generation of food policies (integrated, multisectoral) and governance models (inclusive, multi-stakeholder, reflexive) for sustainable food systems;
- Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the functioning, performance and resilience of agri-food systems.



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