



Sustainability in Uncertain Times: Pandemic, Climate, Economy and Urban and Rural Systems

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Message from the Guest Editors

Sustainability is anchored in the concept of a steep decline in the Earth's capacity to deal with human interventions to the environment. Massive interventions are attempted in human systems in the latest phase of the unparalleled rapid transformation of the global system, while intrusions of macrobiotic agents have unleashed global pandemics that are transforming human and animal life across the world. In this time of accumulating and unrelenting uncertainty that thwarts intervention in the physical form of our settlements, the capacity of our economies, and the social systems in which we live, the question becomes: How and what kind of sustainable research, sustainable economic assessments, and sustainable urban and rural sustainability theory, planning, and practice can guide us? In this Special Issue, we are asking authors to move beyond straightforward linear analysis to use data, ideas or arguments that might guide research and practice across various disciplines and intervention practices.





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