

Special Issue

Co-design and Social Innovation for Climate Neutrality

Message from the Guest Editors

Climate neutrality is an urgent and complex challenge that cannot be reached with top-down technological solutions alone but requires multidisciplinary knowledge and citizens-centered solutions for systemic change. Social innovation is increasingly valued for its transformative role in promoting people-centered approaches through co-designing solutions for the systemic change of socio-cultural systems. Departing from technological solutions and top-down policymaking, user-centered solutions and services requires the involvement of networks of actors and the ability to co-design solutions, learn from experimentation through appropriate and relevant assessment methodologies. The aim of the Special Issue is to foster a discussion of the role of co-design and social innovation, service design and policy design for reaching carbon neutrality through a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach. We welcome papers based on theoretical, qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods studies which reflect and provide evidence of the relevance and need of considering design approaches and people-centered solution to reduce GHG emissions.

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