

Special Issue

Environmental Change from a Social Science Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

Environmental change is one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century, demanding both urgent action and innovative solutions, and while policy reforms and technological advancements are critical, human behavior plays an equally pivotal role in addressing climate change. Drawing from diverse fields such as psychology, sociology, law, economics, and political science, this Special Issue examines environmental change through a comprehensive social science lens. The aim is to illuminate how human behavior can be transformed to foster climate action by uncovering the root causes of behavior, its environmental impacts, and strategies to promote sustainable practices. Key areas of focus include designing and implementing policy frameworks guided by social science insights, fostering community-driven approaches to sustainability, leveraging behavioral insights into resource use and consumption, and exploring the neurocognitive mechanisms that shape environmental decision-making. Contributions that encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and propose practical, holistic solutions are especially welcome.

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