

Special Issue

Environmental Economics in Sustainable Social Policy Development

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will center its attention on the intricate interplay between science, policy, and economics, offering an in-depth exploration of the pivotal role played by environmental economics in shaping the development of sustainable social policies. Our aim is to foster a holistic comprehension of environmental issues within academic discourse. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- The impact of policies related to carbon trading on climate mitigation;
- Analysis of the impact of environmental regulations on enterprise performance;
- Resource use efficiency and circular economy;
- Technological innovation and environmental sustainability;
- Economic risk management and environmental governance;
- Green finance and investment decisions;
- Government policy and environmental governance effect assessment;
- Social innovation and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals;
- Urban spatial planning and spatial distribution of carbon emissions;
- The incentive effect of environmental policy on enterprise innovation.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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