Special Issue

The Impacts of Industry Innovation and Environmental Regulation on Sustainable Development: Regional, National, and Global Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites contributions that explore the critical intersections between industry innovation and environmental regulation and their impact on the sustainable development of regional economies. In light of global commitments like the Paris Agreement (COP21), which emphasizes low-carbon green development as the core of global climate governance, the development of the green economy has become a strategic goal for nations worldwide. Scholars and policymakers are increasingly focused on how the efficiency of the green economy can serve as a key indicator of sustainable development. We welcome studies that examine how flexible environmental policies and technological innovation can jointly spur industrial sustainability while advancing green economy goals. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the role of environmental regulation in regional economic development, the influence of industry innovation on sustainability, green economy transitions, circular economy principles, and the evaluation of green economy efficiency. Both theoretical analyses and empirical studies that offer novel insights or practical case studies are highly encouraged.

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