

Special Issue

Innovative Partnerships Between Higher Education and Enterprises for Advancing Corporate Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue explores university–enterprise collaborations advancing corporate sustainability. We invite empirical and theoretical contributions on comparative and cross-regional perspectives (especially from the Global South), innovative partnership models, evaluation methodologies, and barriers and enablers of effective collaboration. Contributions are welcome from scholars and practitioners in management, higher education, sustainability studies, environmental sciences, and policy research. This Special Issue aims to deepen understanding of how partnerships can accelerate the transition toward resilient, inclusive, and sustainable business ecosystems.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- University–enterprise collaboration;
- Corporate sustainability;
- Innovative partnerships;
- Living labs;
- ESG talent development;
- Cross-sectoral research;
- Emerging economies;
- Partnership evaluation;
- Sustainability governance;
- Sustainable business ecosystems.

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