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Agricultural Economics and Consumer Behaviour for Sustainable Food Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

The unprecedented effects of the global climate crisis are increasing our awareness of the inefficiencies and unsustainability of current food systems. As outlined in the 2023 SDG Progress Report, food production and consumption practices result in adverse environmental and social impacts. Additionally, as the global population grows and demographic changes occur, sustainability issues related to food systems may become even more severe. Based on such evidence, urgent calls for coordinated theoretical and practical contributions are spreading to address issues related to the transition towards a more sustainable agri-food system. To the extent that agri-food systems are complex entities affected by human behavior, attitudes, and decisions, this transition requires the optimization of several interrelated economic, environmental, and social scopes. This process encompasses multiple key actors at both demand and supply levels and their interconnected value-adding activities. This Special Issue aims to contribute to the current debate on sustainable agri-food systems, with specific interest in agricultural production and consumer behavior.

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