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Balancing Regional Economic Development and Environmental Impact in the Context of Globalization

Message from the Guest Editors

In the twentieth century, regional economic development was often regarded as the polar opposite of environmental effect, placing humans in the position of having to make tough choices between the two. China is witnessing an energy transition from fossil fuel to renewable energy, which is not only cutting costs and pollution but also spawning new technologies, markets, and job opportunities. Regional economic growth and environmental effect coexist in a win-win situation. Indeed, environmental preservation has the ability to increase environmental quality, industrial upgrading, and a variety of other advantages. To achieve high-end and sustainable growth in the regional economy, a detailed awareness of the problems and possibilities, as well as their link to the continuing process of addressing environmental change, is urgently required. All of these factors inspired the idea for this Special Issue, which attempts to compile empirical investigations and theoretical contributions on the balance between regional economic growth and environmental effect in the context of globalisation.

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