

Special Issue

Comprehensive Sustainability of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Projects

Message from the Guest Editor

This SI delves into the comprehensive sustainability of Chinese BRI projects and does so by adopting the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework. We especially invite research that probes specific issues lying at the nexus of the various dimensions of sustainability.

- Socio-environmental nexus: The sustainable management of natural resources, access to basic services, and prevention of conflicts and disasters
- Economy–environment nexus: Resource efficiency, sustainable growth, and decent green jobs
- Socio-economic nexus: equality and inclusive prosperity, sustainable consumption and production, sustainable cities

We further encourage papers that, relatedly, study if BRI projects are (are not) advancing sustainable development goals (SDGs) and what could be done to ensure better alignment between BRI projects and SDGs.

- How Chinese invested hydropower BRI projects contribute to SDG 7 and SDG 9 in the host locale
- How Chinese built infrastructure in cities in BRI host/participant countries contributes towards SDG 11
- If Chinese projects contribute to greater gender equality and better economic opportunities for the local communities (SDG 1 and 17)

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