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From Crisis to Sustainability: Rethinking Emergency Management in an Era of Compounding Risks

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In an era marked by escalating climate crises, resource insecurity, and deepening social inequality, traditional approaches to disaster management are proving increasingly insufficient. As global challenges intensify—climate change accelerates, ecosystems degrade and socioeconomic pressures mount—emergency management must evolve beyond reactive strategies toward approaches that foster long-term resilience and advance sustainable development. This Special Issue explores the critical intersection between emergency management and sustainability, advocating for a fundamental paradigm shift that embeds sustainability principles into every phase of disaster risk reduction, response, and recovery. Topics of interest include governance innovations for managing cascading and compounding risks, the development of metrics that capture both immediate and future impacts, the co-production of knowledge between affected communities and practitioners, and the ethical dilemmas of balancing short-term action with long-term sustainability goals.

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