

## Special Issue

# Strategic Approaches to Develop Sustainable Product-Service Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

Key themes include in this Issue are integration of lifecycle management (LCM) to assess and optimize environmental performance throughout a system's life span, and the adoption of performance-based contracts (PBCs) that align provider incentives with sustainability outcomes rather than product ownership. The role of digital technologies, circular economy principles, and access-based consumption models is explored in detail. Through empirical studies and case analyses from sectors such as manufacturing, transportation, and healthcare, contributors demonstrate how sustainable PSS can drive innovation while meeting environmental and user needs. This Issue also addresses challenges such as organizational transformation, user acceptance, and the development of robust sustainability performance metrics. Emphasizing long-term thinking and systemic change, this collection provides valuable insights for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers aiming to support sustainable development through strategic PSS adoption and integration.

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