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Sustainable Maritime Governance and Shipping Risk Management

Message from the Guest Editors

The maritime industry is key in advancing social progress by generating employment, reducing inequality, and promoting gender inclusion. However, its expanding environmental footprint—marked by pollution, ocean degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate change—requires immediate and coordinated action. International conventions provide essential regulatory frameworks for protecting the marine environment from shipping-related impacts across oceans and ports. And technological innovations are reshaping maritime operations by enhancing risk prevention, environmental compliance, and operational resilience. This Special Issue aims to bridge this gap by soliciting contributions that deliver empirically tested governance frameworks or pilot-scale case studies rather than solely theoretical reviews. Emphasis will be placed on integrating data-driven tools with regulatory frameworks, operationalizing ecosystem-based management, and policy innovation to address climate resilience, compliance, and ocean health. Contributions beyond descriptive studies are encouraged to propose actionable, scalable solutions or novel theoretical models.

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