

## Special Issue

# COVID-19 Impacts on Last-Mile Logistics: Catalyst for Change or Enhancer of Current Trends?

### Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, we have witnessed a surge in research devoted to solving the negative externalities of last-mile goods transportation, most importantly the low efficiency and the pollution levels. These impacts have become clearer than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic, where most stores remained forcefully closed and customers resorted to e-commerce purchases, highlighting the relevance of last-mile logistics. The purpose of this Special Issue is to investigate how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the last-mile logistics sector, and whether it leads to significant and long-term changes in the last-mile sector or accelerates already existing trends. We welcome submissions that focus on:

- New business and operational models linked to innovative delivery services;
- Changes in customers' e-commerce purchasing trends and urban mobility patterns;
- Planning of last-mile activities, including warehousing and transportation;
- Optimization of last-mile activities through consolidation or better flow management;
- Impact on last-mile workers.

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