Special Issue

Sustainable Tourism Development: Balancing Cultural Preservation and Economic Growth

Message from the Guest Editors

The scope of the Issue is to enrich the existing literature through qualitative and quantitative research studies addressing issues related to cultural preservation and economic growth, which are often considered conflicting goals in the tourism industry. The aim of this Issue is to explore key principles and practices of sustainable tourism, highlighting its importance in achieving a harmonious balance between economic growth and cultural preservation. We welcome submissions on topics including but not limited to:

- sustainable tourism development
- cultural preservation
- economic growth
- tangible and intangible heritage
- digital heritage
- cultural and creative industry
- community-based tourism

Guest Editors

Dr. Despina Sdrali

Department of Economics and Sustainable Development, Harokopio University of Athens, 17676 Athens, Greece

Dr. Sofoklis Skoultsos

Department of Economics and Sustainable Development, Harokopio University of Athens, 17676 Athens, Greece

Deadline for manuscript submissions

15 June 2026



Sustainability

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.3 CiteScore 7.7



mdpi.com/si/251149

Sustainability Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 sustainability@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ sustainability





Sustainability

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.3 CiteScore 7.7



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

I encourage you to contribute a research or comprehensive review article for consideration for publication in Sustainability, an international open access journal which provides an advanced forum for research findings in areas related to sustainability and sustainable development. The journal publishes original research articles, reviews, conference proceedings (peer reviewed full articles) and communications. I am confident you will find the journal contributes to enhancing understanding of sustainability and fostering initiatives and applications of sustainability-based measures and activities.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Steve W. Lyon

School of Environment and Natural Resources, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210, USA

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE and SSCI (Web of Science), GEOBASE, GeoRef, Inspec, RePEc, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Environmental Studies) / CiteScore - Q1 (Geography, Planning and Development)

