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The Impact of Economic Complexity and Trading Complex Products on Environmental Indicators

Message from the Guest Editors

The economic structure of the country is a crucial indicator that impacts environmental degradation. The economic structure has been represented by economic complexity in the literature in recent years. The economic complexity index (ECI), which indicates the productive capabilities of countries, shows how complex and productive a country can be. According to complexity theory, every country has “capabilities”. These “capabilities” consist of different parameters such as quality of human capital, skilled workforce level, the patent system, law, roads, railways, transportation system, etc. Diversified “capabilities” enable the manufacturing of more complex products. In terms of environmental degradation, higher economic complexity may have a negative or positive impact on the quality of the environment. This Special Issue will expand our knowledge of the relationship between the environment and different social and economic indicators (economic complexity, product complexity, sophistication, and concentration).

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