# **Special Issue**

# Accelerating Sustainable Innovation Through ESG Integration: Driving Value Creation and Social Impact in Firms

# Message from the Guest Editors

The integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into business practices has emerged as a critical driver of sustainable innovation and value creation. As firms increasingly recognize the importance of aligning their strategies with ESG principles, there is a growing need for research exploring the theoretical foundations, practical applications, and impact of ESG-driven innovation. This Special Issue aims to advance the discourse concerning how firms can accelerate sustainable innovation by integrating ESG factors into their decision-making processes, product development, and organizational practices. We invite contributions that investigate the relationship between ESG and innovation, with a focus on how this integration can create both business value and positive social impact. For more information please check https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/spe cial\_issues/G06846U5SN We look forward to your contributions to this timely and important Special Issue.

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