

Special Issue

ICMTs for Sustainability in the Post COVID-19 Era: Revisiting Conceptual and Policy Narratives

Message from the Guest Editors

The calamitous COVID-19 pandemic in this age of digital lifestyles and the global ubiquity of the mobile, social Internet has brought Information, Communications & Media Technologies (ICMTs) to the forefront. Lockdowns and stay-at-home directives have led to a rapid and forced digital transformation across the spectrum of industries and geographies. ICMTs have helped more than half of humanity cope with this sudden change in their daily lives of work and leisure. Will ICMTs continue to make such an impact on inclusive and sustainable growth and development in the post COVID-19 era? Historically, while there have been numerous positivist accounts by scholars and practitioners, it is not always clear that they have led to a better world. ICMTs have been seen as a part of a wider concern for global development, but their role in fulfilling sustainable development has not been adequately understood to drive policy and action. It has become a matter of faith that ICMTs promote sustainable development. The central focus of this Special Issue will be to explore the impact of ICMT in contributing to a post COVID-19, sustainable society.

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