

## Special Issue

# Tackling the Complexities of the Pearl Industry to Enhance Sustainability

### Message from the Guest Editors

For pearl industries in Asia and the Indo-Pacific, sustainability can be curtailed by climate-change-related events, but these industries themselves have caused environmental and social disturbances that have limited their productive life. Because of their inextricable association with their environment, while producing gem quality durable goods, pearl production faces greater complexities than most agricultural and extractive industries. This leads to difficulties in establishing industry and business models that are transferable across time and geography. The purpose of this Special Issue then is to tackle the complex issues faced with solutions that are not reductionist but embrace the complexity of pearls and pearling. We invite contributions from a range of disciplines and domains, and particularly combinations of disciplines and domains that can offer not only analyses that account for complexity in the respective pearl industries they observe, but offer interesting robust solutions for those wishing to establish and maintain a sustainable pearl industry. For further reading, please visit the [Special Issue website](#).

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