

Special Issue

Thoughts on Food—Consumer Food Waste from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

Since the FAO published its first report on "Global food losses and food waste", research on food waste has flourished. Early research focused on quantifying the extent of the problem, followed by studies that reviewed different measurement methods and determinants through standardized questionnaires. However, to meet the ambitious target of 50% reduction in per capita food waste rates (SDG 12.3), we seem to lack a comprehensive understanding of how and why food waste is generated at the consumption stage. To achieve a broad understanding and design the appropriate policies, we need an international perspective that emphasizes the variety of approaches to understanding the individual, social and cultural causes of food waste and, in particular, how food practices are created.

Therefore, the purpose of this Special Issue is to collect theoretical and empirical contributions that cross disciplinary boundaries, combine knowledge and methods from different disciplines and offer a new perspective on how and why consumer food waste is created and how it can be reduced. Articles based on experimental approaches and/or exploratory research are encouraged.

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