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The Impact of Cooperatives in Building Rural Civil Society: Lessons from around the World

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will focus on identifying the ways in which cooperatives around the world contribute to building a sustainable civil society. Cooperatives in agriculture, insurance, health, and banking have increased the standard of living for their members, as well as contributing to the overall economic development of local communities in both developed and emerging economies. Another important but less recognized contribution of cooperatives has been to provide citizens of a nation with experience in self-governance, which is an essential requirement in building and maintaining liberal democratic societies. The editors of this Special Issue are looking for multi- and interdisciplinary research papers from different nations that examine the role of self-governing cooperatives in building civil society.

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