# **Special Issue**

## New Horizons: The Future of Sustainable Islands

### Message from the Guest Editors

Sustainable, sustainability, sustainable developmentthese are terms that have become overused. It should be noted, however, that sustainable islands remain an issue. The concept of a sustainable island embodies and integrates numerous topics including physical. technological, economic, and social aspects of island life. Therefore, what is a sustainable island? Are there any aspects of sustainability that are unique to islands or island states (regions)? Meanwhile, we have noticed a significant difference between islands. Their differences contribute to the distinct barriers that islands face, which require a new approach to ensure sustainable development. Understanding this is the first step toward delivering a sustainable development pathway that takes advantage of island opportunities and overcomes their challenges to the fullest extent possible. All disciplines related to the topic are required, as well as experience from all islands. This Special Issue will contain selected papers from forums held since January 2022 on islands and sustainability. Additionally, we are looking forward to receiving contributions from island scholars around the world.

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