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Innovation and Governance in the Global Energy Transition

Message from the Guest Editors

A global energy transition that culminates in a low or zero carbon future economy will address the grand challenge of our time, mitigating climate change. Innovation is often defined as a solution to reducing emissions, both in existing and new energy systems. The right governance enables innovation.

In this Special Issue, we call for multi- and interdisciplinary research on the topic of innovation and governance for the global energy transition. We welcome empirical and conceptual work that can extend an academic as well as practitioner understanding of energy transition. We are interested in understanding what transition might look like and what the associated levers for success are. Does energy transition mark the end of fossil fuels? If so, what are the broader, systemic implications of this? What is the energy mix that allows for a transition while addressing unintended consequences and spinoff challenges? What complexities are expected and how will they be ameliorated to enable innovation? How should governance structures change to support innovation and the adoption of new energy systems?

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