

Special Issue

Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Natural Resource Markets

Message from the Guest Editor

Since lockdown regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic often restricted business hours and the number of customers entering shops, as well as forcing strict social distancing, the pandemic had a devastating influence on restaurants and bars. It has been suggested that certain food demand has dropped related to the decline in shops continuing their business during the pandemic. Investigating how such demand shocks in the food industry related to the pandemic is a crucial issue. Furthermore, the lockdown has also influenced energy demand since human mobility has been restricted and more people have spent their time in their homes.

All these changes in consumer demand are likely reflected in prices of natural resources: agricultural, energy, mineral, water, etc. However, there are still few studies investigating how the COVID-19 shock has influenced the natural-resource markets.

To shed light on this issue, this Special Issue seeks to gather studies focusing on various regions and those examining the impacts of the pandemic on various natural resources. Studies comparing situations of various regions are also welcomed.

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