

Special Issue

Exploring and Analyzing Links between the COVID-19 Pandemic and Globalization—Levers for Sustainability Transitions?

Message from the Guest Editors

Humanity currently faces COVID-19, a large global pandemic comparable to the 1918–1920 influenza, which according to some sources was a main underlying factor ending the First World War. This is an example of a pandemic with indirect long-term outcomes affecting global historical development.

In parallel, the ongoing pandemic may contribute to the transition to a sustainable society developing within planetary boundaries. Essentially, a large global transition is required.

The Special Issue intends to provide original articles, smaller reviews containing important contributions, together with historical examples of possible links between the pandemic and sustainability transitions from a multidisciplinary perspective, thus providing critical perspectives and selected evidence pro et contra the suggested linkages between pandemic(s) and sustainability. The Special Issue aims to bring together a set of papers that can give readers an overview of the important interfaces in the socio-technical-ecological system connecting short-term large events with long-term structural changes.

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