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Sustainability and Risk Governance: Exploring and Developing Sustainable Solutions for Complex and Wicked Problems

Message from the Guest Editors

Risk governance focuses on two major aspects: risk agents and risk absorbing systems. The risk governance perspective highlights the interactions between risk agents and risk-absorbing systems and favors interdisciplinary. Sustainability research is focused on dealing simultaneously with interacting transformations, provides integrative perspectives on the interplay between technological changes, institutional arrangements and social behavior and requires multicriteria analysis for designing or evaluating policies towards improved sustainability.

Sustainability adds purpose to risk governance. It should be directed towards creating or maintaining humane living conditions. These include respecting the boundaries of natural ecosystems and resources, meeting the basic needs of all human beings, and ensuring peaceful means of conflict resolution.

This SI will address the complementary but also potentially adversarial relationships between risk governance and sustainability. Papers that investigate the conceptual roots and implications of these two terms are welcomed as are papers that provide empirical evidence for merits, pitfalls and problems associated with this combination.

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