

Special Issue

The Evolution of Social Innovation: Building a Sustainable and Resilient Society through Transformation

Message from the Guest Editors

Social innovation is an umbrella concept that includes a number of different definitions. For this special issue, we define social innovation as any idea, process, project... that challenges and ultimately transforms the fundamental culture, laws etc. Using such a definition, this Special Issue seeks to explore not only the emergence of new social phenomena, but also how those phenomena affect the complex social contexts in which they arise. What do social innovations look like at different scales? What cross-scale dynamics characterize transformative social innovations? In what cases do social innovations build or reduce social-ecological resilience? The current cascading crises that are affecting the globe, compounded further by COVID-19, have resulted in a varied response across cities, regions and countries. How has social innovation built resilience across different countries, contexts and cultures in the face of such crises? This Special Issue will showcase emerging theories, comparative cases or broad empirical studies that further our understanding of systemic social innovation and its relationship with building sustainable and resilient societies.

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