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New Approaches to Sustainable Development in Clusters and Regional Innovation Systems

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The collection of papers will bring new evidence and interpretations on supporting and hindering factors entering paths towards sustainability within and between traditional or emergent localized clusters of productive activities (local production systems). Specifically, the papers will look at cases embedded or anchored in the different places (cities, industrial districts, rural areas, etc.) and ecosystems that may constitute a regional context of territorial development (sub-national areas such as NUTS 2 regions in EU, metropolitan statistical areas in the USA, prefectures and large cities in China, etc.).

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