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Message from the Guest Editors

The core concept of economic complexity is that specific products or services are produced when knowledge, natural resources, and monetary capital come together in a specific way—with each economy having its own combination of the three factors. While intellectual capital defines the available resources into five categories, namely: monetary, physical, relational, organizational, and human (including knowledge). Intellectual capital theory proposes that it is the unique system and pathway established to transform these resources, which enables new products and services to be generated. The move towards a more sustainable economy is more complex than it may appear because of the challenges of limited input resources (e.g., raw materials) for some production chains (e.g., permanent magnets). In fact, economic complexity theory and intellectual capital theory are complementary and partly overlapping.

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