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Sustainable Product-Service Systems in Practice Interdisciplinary Perspectives

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The rise of the circular economy and the sharing economy during the past decade has led to a resurgence of interest in product-service systems (PSSs) that create value by integrating a physical product and a service. PSSs are now being heralded as one of the most effective instruments for the transition to a circular economy. There are high expectations for PSSs, in terms of their potential to enable simultaneous environmental and economic benefits. However, in practical terms, many companies have struggled to implement PSSs that achieve the expected environmental and economic benefits. Furthermore, there are few evaluations of PSS performance in practice. Inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, and frameworks that consider the broader systems influencing the uptake of PSSs, such as socio-technical systems or social practices, can help to identify the reasons for their success or failure, including design, consumer practices, and institutional factors. This special issue is focussed on solving such challenges by examining real-life PSSs, their performance, and factors influencing their uptake and implementation.

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