

## Special Issue

# Systems Thinking for Sustainable and Responsible Innovation

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue invites contributions exploring how systems thinking can be leveraged for sustainable and responsible innovation to address the systemic risks associated with innovations aimed at tackling societal, ethical, and environmental challenges.

The intersection of systems thinking and ‘responsible innovation’ is a central focus of this Special Issue. Thus, we particularly invite submissions that explore systems thinking theories and approaches for advancing the responsible innovation literature and operationalizing its key principles, such as anticipation, reflexivity, inclusivity, and responsiveness (Stilgoe et al., 2013). Researchers and practitioners are encouraged to contribute insights that deepen our understanding of the following topics:

- **Systems thinking approaches for responsible innovation;**
- **Responsible innovation and sustainable innovation;**
- **Historical context and theoretical foundations;**
- **Governance and regulation;**
- **Systemic risks in responsible innovation;**
- **Educational perspectives;**
- **Practical applications and case studies;**
- **Critical perspectives.**

### Guest Editor

Dr. Ehsan Nabavi

1. Responsible Innovation Lab, Australian National Centre for Public Awareness of Science, The Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia
2. Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Cultures of Research, RWTH, 52062 Aachen, Germany

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

30 November 2025



## Systems

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.1  
CiteScore 4.1



[mdpi.com/si/232592](https://mdpi.com/si/232592)

*Systems*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[systems@mdpi.com](mailto:systems@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
systems](https://mdpi.com/journal/systems)





# Systems

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 3.1  
CiteScore 4.1



[mdpi.com/journal/  
systems](https://mdpi.com/journal/systems)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Systems* is a leading venue for the quick and global dissemination of results of cutting-edge research in various areas of systems science and systems-related fields. An increasing number of researchers are realizing the enormous potential of systems thinking in managing the many unprecedented and complex issues in all areas of need. The *Systems* journal provides a home of exceptional quality for the manuscripts of these researchers who often find it difficult to publish their work in conventional discipline focused journals.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Ben Clegg  
Operations & Service Management Department, Aston Business  
School, Aston University, Birmingham B4 7ET, UK

---

### Author Benefits

#### Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SSCI (Web of Science), Ei  
Compendex, dblp, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary) / CiteScore -  
Q2 (Modeling and Simulation)