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# **Decentralised Energy Supply Systems**

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# Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Decentralized energy supply refers to energy that is produced and used locally, whether for electricity, heating or cooling, and can be derived from small renewables, biomass, waste-to energy or combined heat and power. Driven by both low carbon and security of supply priorities, there has been increasing interest commercially and amongst policy makers in meeting energy service demands through local installations.

This Special Issue will address key opportunities and challenges for expansion of decentralized energy supply systems. Attention will be given to emerging technologies offering improved performance, and to local or community scale business models in which they can thrive. Methods for local energy systems modeling and decision making for system design will be considered, and the influences of current and future policy initiatives will be explored. Local supply cannot be considered in isolation, and attention will also be given to its interaction with emerging energy storage and demand side management opportunities, and to impacts on conventional power systems.

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