



New Challenges in Sustainable Economic Resilience during and after the COVID-19 Outbreak

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The global COVID-19 pandemic is far more than a health crisis. The spread of the virus causing COVID-19 is changing how we lead our lives, how markets and governments/incumbents react, and how political leaders make decisions at the local, national, regional, and global level. It is hard to predict what that changed world will look like, but it is also very risky to avoid that change (Siriopoulos 2021 a, b, Vidal-Thomas 2021).

For the social and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic to be sustainable, a return to “normality” is called by many analysts. This will be a “new” normality, and recovery policies need to generate social adjustments, behavioral changes, and economic investments that will reduce the likelihood of future shocks and increase society’s resilience to them when they do occur (OECD 2020).

Within the framework of its Agenda 2030, the United Nations defined Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provided a guide for sustainable development at the national and international levels by incorporating economic, social, and ecological criteria (UN 2021).





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