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Regional Development Toward Sustainable Growth

Message from the Guest Editors

Regional development has emerged as a critical paradigm in contemporary economic and environmental policy, representing the intersection of spatial economics, sustainability science, and governance theory. As global challenges such as climate change, resource depletion, and social inequality intensify, the traditional growth-focused development models are increasingly recognized as insufficient for long-term prosperity. This research area addresses the fundamental question of how regions can achieve economic advancement while maintaining ecological integrity and social equity. This Special Issue contributes to the growing body of knowledge by examining innovative frameworks, methodologies, and case studies that demonstrate pathways toward sustainable regional development. The research is particularly timely given the urgent need for evidence-based strategies that can guide policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders in creating resilient, inclusive, and environmentally responsible regional economies. We welcome theoretically driven and empirically sophisticated contributions to this Special Issue.

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