

Editorial

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the eighth volume of the Journal of Sustainable Futures for Human Security (J-Sustain). This issue features papers addressing a broad range of issues, including the relationship between democracy and human security, cultural diplomacy, human resource development and storm surge awareness. Issues which connect the economic and social issues of sustainability predominately.

The year 2020 has been challenging for societies across the world fighting the COVID-19 pandemic while trying to deal with the flow-on implications of economic slow-down, unemployment and social disadvantage. There have been some positive developments, with the reduction in emissions from transportation globally, and with many countries' electricity consumption down. The significance of this for local and global environments is yet to be fully clarified, while the direct impacts on the energy mix has been initially indicated in an increasing renewable energy proportion of the energy mix.

The pandemic has led to a shift in work patterns for many, including extended telework and often limited in-person interactions with colleagues and customers. In the academic world, the pandemic has led to both a shift in focus for many researchers to fields affiliated with resilience, health and risk management, as well as declines in student mobility and extended online teaching. Conferences have been cancelled or delivered virtually as well, dramatically changing the scope of interaction and engagement. For J-Sustain, while the pandemic offers clear areas for research and publication, it has also created some delays in review and publishing, for which we apologise sincerely to the readers and authors. Hopefully with the gradual emergence from the pandemic in the near future, as well as the adaptation to various "new normal" practices will increase the speed back to the normal levels again soon.

J-Sustain continues to call for papers addressing both specific case studies and theoretical developments over a wide range of sustainability-oriented fields. Notably, this year we are seeking to expand through a series of special issues highlighted in this issue. We also welcome suggestions for special issues from the broader academic community.

2. New submission system

We are currently transitioning to a new article submission platform. This should ensure greater ease of submission and tracking of the progress of your submissions. In the meantime submissions will be undertaken as per usual.

3. Special Issues – Call for Papers Out Now

We have published our first thematic special issue – on "Reconstruction following the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami: Long-term resilience and sustainability implications". We will be seeking submissions for further special issues on an ongoing basis. The outline of each of these proposals will be provided on the website.

4. Editorial Team

There have been some changes to the editorial team for the next year, with the following being the updated list of members.

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