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## **Editorial**

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This edition marks the beginning of the journal's fourth year of publication. Over the past three years IJESD has made significant progress in establishing itself as a truly international journal offering new perspectives on existing and emerging environmental and sustainability issues. We have endeavoured to strike an appropriate balance between special editions focusing on specific topic areas and issues, and editions that are more eclectic and which reflect the richness and diversity on the current literature on environment and sustainable development. The former include editions devoted to ecological modernisation and to recent developments in environmental reporting. We particularly welcome papers from authors working in countries that tend not to receive as much attention in the international literature: in South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The Executive Editor is also pleased to receive suggestions from intending Guest Editors for future special theme issues.