
Editorial

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The aim of this special issue is to bring together detailed studies and high-quality papers that focus on new and emerging topics on environmental sustainability research. This issue illustrates how environmental sustainability research has advanced in recent years and topics cover on population ageing and energy consumption for sustainable

development, environmentally responsible behaviours, low carbon landscapes, green space design, factors influencing the adoption of sustainability, and recent issues on sustainable development framework.

The contents of the special issue disseminate information and encourage the creation of a leading learning organisation to cope with the demands of sustainable development throughout the domain. All authors of extended abstracts that have been accepted for presentation at the conference (The 4th International Conference on Science and Social Research) are invited to submit an extended version of their works for a special issue of the *International Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development* entitled 'Recent developments in environmental sustainability'. The effort from this special issue will build networks between research and publication, academic and society, the government and private sector, and across diverse interest groups in addressing the emerging topics on environmentally sustainable practices.

This special issue enhances the depth of understanding about societal innovation under various sub-themes of energy consumption, environmentally responsible behaviours, green space design for environmental enhancements and contemporary concerns on sustainable development. Further, the theme of this special issue provides empirical evidence on innovation used in factors influencing the adoption of sustainability for a sustainable development framework.

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