Operationalising the Transition to Sustainable Food Systems

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Message from the Guest Editors

There is a wide awareness of the need to redesign our food systems to meet the social and environmental challenges that we have to face. In recent decades, food movements and alternative food networks have denounced the shortcomings of the dominant agri-food system and prefigured innovations aimed at radical change. Indeed, systemic deep changes in structure, practices and culture are required, involving both business and society, the private and the public sphere. This Special Issue aims at developing a debate on these transformations. We thus seek papers addressing – but not limited to – the following issues:

- Re-designing food systems according to agroecological and social justice principles;
- Definition of new food policies as a public framework for private activities;
- Power relationships at play in agri-food systems and their re-balancing;
- Development of new food governance systems enabling transformation and distributive justice;
- Urban–rural interactions and their role in supporting sustainable food systems;
- Deliberate interventions, everyday practices, and policies to meet everyone's right to high-quality food;
- Ways to overcome path dependency and lock-ins that characterize the dominant agri-food socio-technical system;
- Changes in the value chains: new food business models aiming to create shared value with society;
- Changes in the culture of food: new ways to conceive food and tackle food-related practices;
- Changes in the global discourse of food, food security, and food sovereignty.

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