



Public Health, Food and Environmental Policy Nexus in the Context of Civil Society

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

It has long been understood that there are strong linkages between health, food, energy, natural resources, and environmental policy. In a world with exploding population growth and greater income inequality, as reflected in nutrition availability, quality, and in subsequent public health outcomes, the nutrition and public health dilemmas have real world implications for the environment and natural resources. For example, ocean acidification, pollution, and over-fishing are leading to the loss of an historically important and healthful source of protein. Furthermore, soil depletion, plant disease, and insect infestations, often related to changing climate patterns, have impacted the production of high-quality nutritious land-based food products, leading, in some cases, to the use of toxic chemicals to maintain crop yields. The cost of organic foods, known to be of greater nutritional value, makes them economically out of reach for many individuals in middle- or lower-income categories, potentially imperiling their physical and mental health, quality of life, and lifespan.





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