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From the Editor

By Editorial

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the inaugural issue of the Journal of Economics and SDGs Review, published by EconSciences in March 2025. This new journal emerges in response to the pressing need for a scholarly platform that brings together rigorous economic analysis and the transformative ambitions of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our mission is to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and policy-relevant research that illuminates the pathways toward sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development across diverse global contexts.

This first issue offers a compelling suite of contributions that embody the journal's vision. The lead article by Roger Douglas, Robert MacCulloch, and Hugh McCaffrey, "The March Towards Poverty," provides a sobering critique of the structural and policy-driven economic challenges facing New Zealand in the post-pandemic era. With a clear lens on SDG1 (No Poverty) and SDG8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), the authors urge policymakers to confront long-standing institutional inefficiencies that risk deepening socio-economic inequalities.

In the realm of health and early-life development, Hossein Shahri's empirical study on the effects of prenatal nutritional deprivation—examined through the lens of exposure to Ramadan fasting—highlights critical implications for infant health outcomes and intergenerational wellbeing. The research contributes meaningfully to SDG3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG5 (Gender Equality), underscoring the subtle but significant ways that cultural, religious, and health dynamics intersect.

The global public health implications of COVID-19 remain deeply relevant, and Sachidnan Mukeirje's study addresses this urgency by investigating determinants of access to basic handwashing facilities in developing countries. Positioned within SDG3 and SDG6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), the paper emphasizes that equitable access to hygiene infrastructure is not merely a health imperative, but a foundation of human dignity and developmental justice.

This issue also features two insightful book reviews that extend the conversation into applied sustainability domains. Nikke Klein Betchok's review of *Uncertainty in Reservoir Characterization and Modeling* elaborates on how uncertainty quantification can support responsible subsurface resource management—aligning with SDG7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and SDG9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure). Meanwhile, Kevin Johnneson's review of *Recent Developments in Sustainable Infrastructure: Volume 2* provides a panoramic view of emerging trends in sustainable urban

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development and smart city innovation, resonating strongly with SDG11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Together, these contributions reflect our commitment to scholarly excellence, methodological rigor, and global relevance. The articles and reviews in this issue demonstrate the capacity of economics—not in isolation, but in dialogue with sustainability science and public policy—to address some of the most urgent challenges of our time.

As Editor, I extend my gratitude to our authors, reviewers, and editorial team, whose expertise and dedication have shaped this publication. We look forward to growing a vibrant academic community through future issues, and we welcome submissions that continue to expand the boundaries of knowledge at the intersection of economics and sustainable development.

Editor-in-Chief

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