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SUSTAINING NATURAL RESOURCES IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

The aim in this themed issue of [Contemporary Social Science](#) is to compare and contrast international and multi-disciplinary perspectives on the development of policy in response to evidence about the impact of environmental change on the sustainability of natural resources, with reference to energy, water, sanitation, air quality and food security. The articles will explore both the institutions involved in generating and mediating evidence, and the different methodologies employed in collecting and assessing evidence, informing policy, and improving governance.

Authors should analyse the challenges that arise in collecting reliable data, and consider how public and private data can be used most effectively to inform decision-makers, empower citizens, foster social inclusion and achieve sustainable development goals. Of particular relevance will be papers that highlight the strengths and weaknesses, or successes and failures, of combining different disciplinary, institutional, managerial, technological and methodological approaches to evidence-based policy, and consider what elements of the lessons learned might be transferable across national and cultural boundaries.

The Guest Editors are seeking original articles, critical reviews and case studies that use a range of disciplinary methods and approaches to examine academic and scholarly issues. Sound empirically based studies on the relationship between evidence and policy will be welcomed, as will high quality scholarly essays on issues attracting current policy attention.

Outline proposals (150–200 words) should be forwarded to the Guest Editors by **15 March 2017**:

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The papers will be 5,000–7,000 words in length. Manuscripts should follow the usual instructions for electronic submission of papers to *Contemporary Social Science*. Please visit the [Instructions for Authors page](#) for more details. Authors should indicate that they wish the manuscript to be reviewed for inclusion in the special issue. The Editors of this issue would be happy to review plans for papers in advance of their receipt. All papers will be peer reviewed. The closing date for submitting papers is **5 June 2017**.