CALL FOR PAPERS for a SPECIAL ISSUE

Fostering Socially and Ecologically Resilient Food and Farm Systems Through Research Networks

Call for papers to be included in a special issue of the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development

Deadlines:
Submission for presubmission review: 9/30/2022
Notification of invitation to submit a full paper: 10/31/2022
Submission of final manuscript: 2/28/2023

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Special Issue Themes
JAFSCD, INFAS, and eOrganic are calling for submissions that help reveal whether and in what ways research networks can help regenerative agriculture (including organic and sustainable agriculture) better deliver on its promise of providing enhanced social and environmental benefits.

We seek empirically based, transdisciplinary contributions at the intersection of scientific, policy, political, legal, practice, and civic arenas that validate regenerative agriculture practices that are ecologically and socially resilient. We are particularly interested in how transdisciplinary research networks can foster food and farming systems that maximize social and environmental goods related to health, fairness, and care.

Examples of topics:
- How to best use process-based standards (require continuous improvement with transparent ‘plan-do-check’ reporting) or practice-based standards (e.g., the National Organic Standard) to best document and achieve goals of health, fairness, and care.
- How systems-based and participatory networks can increase the societal value of research and breeding.
• How to support participatory research that adheres to organic principles (health, fairness, care).
• How the excluded methods framework (i.e., no use of genetically modified organisms and non-natural materials) aligns or does not align with public wants for agriculture.
• How research networks can empower participants to achieve equity and justice goals.

All manuscripts require presubmission review and approval by the special issue guest editors. To express interest in submitting for the special issue, complete the JAFSCD query form at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/jafscd-query

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