

Call for papers for Special Issue of the International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education: The Role of Higher Education in Sustainable Consumption and Production, dedicated to the 19th ERSCP 2019

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1. Introduction to this special volume

The transition to a circular Europe is an opportunity to transform our production and consumption and make it more sustainable. The European commission defined the EU action plan for a Circular Economy: Closing the loop, which aims at being instrumental in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, in particular Goal 12 of ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. Emphasis is given to the role of both production and consumption aspects, as well as the sustainability of the products and services delivered to the market.

The proposed SI is based on papers at the ERSCP 2019 Conference that took place in Barcelona 14-18 October 2019, entitled “Circular Europe for Sustainability: Design, Production and Consumption”. The ERSCP is one of Europe's most renowned conferences in its field and has taken place periodically since 1994. ERSCP conferences favour discussions about the key issues in sustainable consumption and production and increasingly and the Circular Economy. The main goal of the ERSCPs is to encourage discussion amongst stakeholders involved in sustainable consumption and production, as well as the transition to a Circular Economy: businesses, public institutions, universities, institutes and research centres, NGOs, SMEs, professional associations, decision-makers, etc. The SV evolves around the conference tracks of consumption, circular economy, industry and business and education, as well as transdisciplinarity, innovation, design and policy as all these aspects are crucial to any transformation to a sustainable production and consumption society and a circular economy.

The planners and guest editors of the SI of the IJSHE, “**Higher Education for Sustainable consumption and Production**” welcome articles, based upon case studies, research papers, and comprehensive, integrative literature reviews that focuses on the relation between Education and Sustainable Consumption and Production.

This special issue will specifically focus on the following issues:

- Sustainability Education for Circular Economy,
- Design for sustainability education,
- Education for Sustainable transitions,
- Innovative approaches in Education for Sustainable Development,
- Strategic partnership among academia, industry and stakeholders.

The ERSCP is one of Europe's most remarkable conferences in its field and has taken place periodically since 1994. ERSCPs favour discussions about the key issues in sustainable consumption and production; the exchange of thoughts, knowledge, experiences and SCP proposals; and the creation of a European and worldwide community of research and practice in sustainable consumption and production.

2. Manuscript submission

Full papers are invited for potential publication in this SI of the IJSHE. S Articles should be between 6000 and 8000 words in length. This includes all text including references and appendices. Please allow 280 words for each figure or table.

All authors must follow IJSHE's "Author Guidelines" which can be accessed via the following link: https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=ijshe. All submissions will be subjected to thorough peer review, revision, and re-submission processes.

Papers must be written in good English. Authors with limitations in the command of written English are recommended to have their papers edited by a '*Native English Scientific Editor*,' before the first submission because poorly written pieces can compromise the decisions during the review process. Similarly, they should have their final document edited by a '*Native English Scientific Editor*,' before they submit their final document for the final review and for publication within the IJSHE. All submissions will be checked for similarity and those manuscripts showing too high levels of similarity will be rejected.

3. Tentative schedule:

- Publication of the CfPs for this SV: **December 2019**;
- Deadline submission of full papers: **16 January 2020**
- Peer-Review and feedback on the papers: 15 April 2020
- Submission of the revised papers: 15 June 2020
- Second round Peer-Review completed: 15 September 2020
- Resubmission revised papers **1 November 2020**
- Notification of final decisions on the papers: **15 November 2020**
- Publication of the VSI of all accepted papers: **15 December 2020**

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