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“Social and Solidarity Economy in Socioecological Transition Processes”

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Structure of the Special Issue and contact

Revista de Economía Mundial (REM)/Journal World Economy (http://uhu.es/publicaciones/ojs/index.php/REM/index) is an academic international journal edited by the Sociedad de Economía Mundial/World Economy Society indexed, among others, in JCR and SJR (Scopus), Social Sciences Citation Index, Fuente Académica Plus, International Bibliography of Social Sciences, ABI/INFORM, Business Source Premier, Public Affairs Index, Business Source Elite.

This Special Issue will include papers on “Social and Solidarity Economy in Socioecological Transition Processes”.

Authors are strongly encouraged to carefully read the background and reasons included in this call for papers before considering the submission. For more information on this special issue, see http://uhu.es/publicaciones/ojs/index.php/REM/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions or contact the Editors (rem@uhu.es).

Background and rationale of the Special Issue

In the face of a humanity threatened by different types of crises - economic, financial, social, political, ecological, health, etc. - it is necessary to transition towards other models, systems, and forms of socioecological organization that are more solidary, just, and ecological, placing life at the center, both of individuals and of the planet in which they live in society.

Indeed, data clearly show how the current capitalist market system, which places capital at the center of its social organization, has been generating a progressive deterioration of the environment (loss of biodiversity, climate change, extensive deforestation processes, etc.) over the past centuries, as well as great inequality and polarization among people and territories, frequent and intense periods of economic and financial instability, and more. This reality highlights the need to transition towards other socioecological organizational models that are more environmentally responsible, socially just, and economically self-sufficient and efficient, ensuring the satisfaction of human needs for the entire society within the limits of our planet's resources.

As a result of these realities, social and solidarity economy has been gaining significant recognition and institutionalization by regional, national, European, and international institutions in recent decades. Examples include the approval of the European Social Economy Action Plan by the European Commission (2021), the United Nations resolution on the importance of promoting social
economy for sustainable development (2023), and the creation of a series of national laws on Social Economy in countries such as Spain, Portugal, France, Belgium, etc., in the last decade. The values on which this way of understanding and practicing economy is based are enshrined in the constitutions of these states, emphasizing democracy, equality, solidarity, etc.

Furthermore, from a more pragmatic and applied perspective, data and studies demonstrate how social and solidarity economy has emerged in recent decades as one of the most resilient socio-economic organizational forms in the face of the aforementioned economic and socioecological problems, which has influenced its institutional recognition.

Considering all these factors, the theme of this special issue aims to explore the potential role of Social and Solidarity Economy in shaping a just and sustainable transition towards resilient socioecological systems. Through this special issue, we seek not only to better understand the interrelationship between SSE and socioecological sustainability but also to identify policies and practices that can support the adoption and implementation of SSE in various scales and contexts. We hope to foster a critical and constructive dialogue that contributes to the theoretical and practical development of SSE within the framework of socioecological transition.

Submissions

Papers can be written in English or Spanish, although English is recommended since it can reach a greater audience. The received full papers would be subject to previous editorial scrutiny and pre-selection, and to strict peer-review process before acceptance. Then, an exhaustive knowledge of the specific published literature will be appreciated. Articles should be no more than 7,000 words in length, including all references, notes and tables. Articles must be accompanied by an abstract of no more than 100 words and up to five keywords. Submissions should be directed through the Revista de Economía Mundial (REM) on-line submission system http://uhu.es/publicaciones/ojs/index.php/REM/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions

Possible topics: (non-exhaustive list)

In this regard, we invite experts in this field in the international context to contribute their unpublished work to this special issue. Editors are particularly interested in research that addresses, but is not limited to, the following subthemes:

- Institutionalization of social and solidarity economy.
- Contribution of social and solidarity economy to just socioecological transformation processes.
- Social and solidarity economy in socioecological innovation processes.
- Case studies on international initiatives of SSE contributing to socioecological sustainability.
- Contribution of social and solidarity economy to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- International statistics on Social and Solidarity Economy.
- Social and solidarity economy in gender policies.

Timeline

The deadline for submitting papers is December 15, 2023, and they will be published in the second issue of 2024 of the journal (Nº 67).