Environmental Justice and Ecosystem Co-governance

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Message from the Guest Editors

The fairness—and sustainability—of environmental policies and practices depends on who benefits from, provides/maintains services from, and controls ecosystems. Increasingly, the theory and practice of both environmental justice and ecosystem governance call for the transformation of paternalistic or merely participatory governance systems into inclusive systems of co-governance. Inclusive co-governance systems involve all those who are affected by a set of policy decisions in the design and operation of the governance system by which those policy decisions are made, thus going well beyond mere public or stakeholder participation. Deeply embedded structural inequalities and the complexities of interrelationships among ecological systems, social systems, and governance institutions make the design and implementation of just and sustainable co-governance systems especially challenging. This Special Issue seeks both conceptual and empirical scholarship that illuminates the features of environmentally just and inclusive systems for the governance of ecosystems and the services that they provide to communities and society.

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