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Editorial

Exploring New Boundaries in Social Science Research

The Social Sciences stand at a pivotal moment as societies grapple with rapid technological changes, environmental crises, and widening inequalities. The rigorous interdisciplinary scholarship is required at this juncture. This issue of CMDR Journal of Social Research reflects that urgency and diversity. Articles in the journal span themes from export-driven economic growth and sustainable development to drinking water quality, mental health among young generations, and the cultural dimensions of pandemic response. Together, these studies demonstrate how economic data, ethnographic insight, and policy analysis can illuminate the complex realities of contemporary life.

Social science today must move beyond disciplinary borders. Without understanding the limitations of the environment, we cannot succeed in economic development. Similarly, public health outcomes demand cultural and political context, and technological innovation carries social consequences that require ethical reflection. The contributions in this volume demonstrate such integrative approaches. They show that statistical evidence gains depth when paired with community voices, and that local fieldwork can inform global debates on sustainability, equity, and governance.

There are twofold challenges to scholars and policymakers: to generate methodologically sound knowledge and to ensure that this knowledge is in practice. The studies presented here provide actionable insights and remind us that social research is not merely descriptive; it is a catalyst for change by highlighting the infrastructure needs behind export growth, revealing disparities in drinking water quality, or offering strategies for supporting adolescent mental health.

As we publish this issue, we invite readers to engage critically with these findings and to consider how their research work might contribute to inclusive and sustainable futures. This journal remains committed to nurturing scholarship that bridges theory and practice, strengthens diverse perspectives and contributes to the collective understanding of our rapidly evolving world.

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