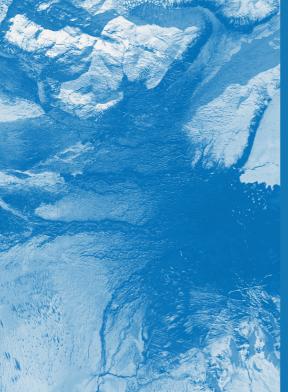


# Challenges – Journal of Planetary Health



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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Planetary health provides an overarching vision of the interdependence of all life on Earth, offering a cohesive framework that connects scientific, social, and cultural understanding to guide our responses to the complex challenges of our time. Challenges-Journal of Planetary Health is dedicated to exploring these interconnections through transdisciplinary efforts spanning technological innovation, education, policy, and governance, as well as the human attitudes, values, and spirituality that shape social and ecological well-being and justice. We welcome a wide range of contributions from diverse fields, from the biological, physical, and technical sciences to the social sciences, arts, and humanities, that illuminate pathways toward the mutual flourishing of people, places, and the planet.

#### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Susan Prescott

#### **Aims**

Challenges — Journal of Planetary Health ISSN (2078-1547) is a transdisciplinary, peer-reviewed open access journal dedicated to advancing planetary health—"a solutions-focused field and global movement that addresses the impacts of human disruption to Earth's systems on the health and flourishing of all life". We seek to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange to promote a holistic understanding of the interdependence of all natural and human systems.

The journal provides a platform for diverse contributions from the sciences, humanities, and beyond, inviting ecological, technical, social, economic, cultural, behavioral, philosophical, spiritual, and educational perspectives.

All submissions should clearly articulate their relevance to planetary health and demonstrate potential impact on the wellbeing of people and the diverse aspects of the the environments on which we depend. Where possible, authors should indicate how their work addresses the sustainable development goals (SDG) of the 2015 United Nations Action Plan for People, Planet, Prosperity, and Peace. All regional studies should be framed within a global context, and all papers should be written with a wide transdisciplinary audience in mind.

It is our hope that *Challenges*—Journal of Planetary Health will facilitate collaborative vision and shared agendas aimed at solving the interconnected challenges of the Anthropocene and promoting the wellbeing of people, places, and planet.

#### Scope

We welcome manuscripts that address the challenges posed to different aspects of planetary health. Regardless of their specific focus, authors should underscore the relevance of their submission to the flourishing of human societies and the natural systems on which we depend. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Human Flourishing (health and wellbeing) including the interplay between human beings and their physical, emotional, social, economic, and political environments.
- Climate Change and Earth's Biophysical Systems (human interdependence and impact on large scale "planetary boundaries").
- Biodiversity and Natural Ecology (including microbial systems).
- Food Systems.
- Regenerative Economies (including regenerative business and wellbeing economies).
- Indigenous and Traditional Ecological Knowledge.
- Sustainable Energies (with an emphasis on the risks and benefits to human and planetary systems).
- Social Trends and Transitions (including psychology, attitudes, behaviors and movement building).
- Technologies (solutions and risks to planetary health).
- Ethics, Values, and Spirituality (worldviews and mindsets that influence planetary health and justice).
- Planetary Health Education (including knowledge, skills, emotional intelligence, and moral wisdom).
- Governance, Development, Policy, Peace, and Justice (including infrastructure, planning, law, for more livable, fair, and sustainable systems).

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