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The German Journal of Exercise and Sport Research, an up-and-coming international journal (and successor to Germany’s leading national journal in sport science, Sportwissenschaft, 1971-2016) invites authors to contribute articles to the thematic issue “Sustainable development in sport and physical activity – perspectives and challenges”, which will be published in September 2023 (Vol. 53, Issue 3).

Sport and physical activity are important enablers of sustainable development. They are seen as drivers for social transformation in terms of health, equal opportunities, or environmental awareness. But sport-related activities also directly contribute to social and ecological problems. The precise role of sport and physical activity for the necessary transformation to a sustainable society is thus unclear, but there is growing evidence for strong synergies between the promotion of physical activity and the sustainable development goals (SDGs), proposed by the United Nations as a framework for future development.

This special issue primarily aims to publish socio-ecological research in sport science. Research investigating interactions between humans and their natural environment, including the link between sport and climate change, planetary health, education for sustainable development, sustainable behavior, sustainable management strategies, civic engagement or political strategies in the sport and physical activity context are highly welcome. Contributions aim to enhance our understanding of the role of sport and physical activity in the societal transformation towards sustainable development and contributes to the implementation of the SDGs in the sport and physical activity context.

This special issue addresses high-quality studies from all disciplines of sport science as well as ecology and climate research, public health, educational science, social and environmental psychology, management or politics. Reviews, cross-sectional studies, longitudinal studies or targeted interventions are as welcome as interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and transformative research.

Three senior guest editors (Dr. Julia Lohmann, Prof. Dr. Susanne Tittlbach and Prof. Dr. Manuel Steinbauer) will provide expert support for all submitted papers.

All papers will undergo rigorous double-blind peer review and all accepted articles will be published online first on the journal’s homepage (see the link below). Fee-based optional open access publication is possible upon author request; researchers at institutes who are part of Project DEAL can publish their articles open access with the fees covered under the agreement.

We ask authors to submit their papers using the journal’s electronic Editorial Manager system (www.editorialmanager.com/spwi) by the end of December 2022. Instructions for authors are available on the journal’s homepage (<https://link.springer.com/journal/12662>). Articles written in English are encouraged.

Join in and help us increase the visibility of sustainable development research in sport science, contribute to the scientific discussion on this increasingly urgent theme and present your work in Germany’s most up-and-coming academic journal on sport and exercise research, published by Springer Nature!

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