

Letter from the Editor

It is my distinct pleasure to share the special issue of our *Paper Series* on Global Food Insecurity. This issue aims to examine how governments, international and regional organizations, and nonprofit, public, and for-profit organizations are approaching the unfolding global food crisis. The call was issued last year and framed in the context of the UN's Sustainable Goal 2, aimed at ending hunger, achieving food security, and promoting sustainable agriculture, and in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, the food crisis has been made worse by the growing number of food trade restrictions put in place by countries intended to increase domestic supply and reduce prices, supply-chain disruptions, and the continued economic consequences of COVID-19. Record food prices have exacerbated a food crisis that will drive millions more into extreme poverty, hunger, and malnutrition. These measures significantly impact people in low- and middle-income countries, with lasting implications on youth cognitive development.

The special issue introduces eight manuscripts in the form of research ideas, policy briefs, and practitioner perspectives, produced by a diverse range of authors, and covering food security issues in Kenya, Sahelian countries in Africa, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the United States, and Canada. While each

regional context influences the magnitude of the problem and the types of policy solutions offered so far, there is significant value in comparing similar and diverse cases across all levels of government. All papers contribute to the comparative scholarship by employing proper methodologies that enhance one's understanding and awareness of various systems, cultures, and patterns of action, casting fresh light on policy and administration arrangements and enabling us to contrast them critically with those prevalent in other countries. This comparative research also tests various theories across diverse settings. It helps evaluate the scope and significance of food security, contributing to generalization while challenging claims of ethnocentrism or naïve universalism. Last but not least, the manuscripts provide access to a wide range of alternative options and problem solutions that can facilitate or reveal a way out of food insecurity in other contexts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the authors for their consideration of the *Paper Series*, their expertise, and their patience in waiting for this issue to be published. Thank you to our peer reviewers, who have done a stellar job in consulting the submitted manuscripts, to Prof. Meghna Sabharwal, SICA Chair, for her phenomenal engagement and support, to the OPS Committee, and to Prof. Peter Haruna, Guest Editor, for initiating this process and guiding our work while helping identify additional reviewers and providing this own insight on the topic.

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Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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