

## **NRL Special Issue on OR models for Developmental Studies: Call for Papers**

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The increasing use of OR models and frameworks for evaluating policy alternatives, and conduct of impact studies, is a welcome sign of the convergence of OR/OM research, data analytics and policy studies. The objective of this special issue is to recognize, and publish, high-quality and impactful research – data-driven, empirical, and theoretical models – related to operations research/operations management focused on economic development. The topics can range over education, sustainable development, healthcare, and environmental studies but should pertain to OM/OR research. The following topics are representative:

- Increasing access to education for marginalized sections of society,
- Improving public distribution systems for disbursement of food and rations,
- Improving healthcare quality and opportunities in resource-constrained settings,
- Providing emergency care in hard-to-access areas,
- Innovative models to address last-mile delivery issues in developing economies,
- Evaluating the role of information technology in delivering services to rural markets,
- Fostering innovation in healthcare, education, resilient infrastructure, and sustainable industrialization,
- Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for communities, and
- Reducing environmental impact of rapid urbanization in developing economies.

Papers must feature original research contributions. As mentioned earlier, papers dealing with either theoretical or empirical analyses, or both, and those that rely on data-driven model formulations and analyses are of particular interest.

Manuscripts will be reviewed in a manner consistent with the NRL editorial policy, with the review team consisting of the guest editor, associate editors, and reviewers selected by the AEs. All submitted articles must address a key developing economy problem, contain the rigor emphasized in the editorial statement of NRL, and articulate managerial relevance. Submission guidelines are available on the journal web page (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15206750/homepage/forauthors.html>).

### **Timeline:**

Submission window: November 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019  
Final decisions: After July 31, 2020 (tentative)  
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### **Submission Procedure:**

Please submit your paper online at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/nrl>. Include suggestions for AEs and referees. NRL encourages succinct and clear writing, but there are no page limits. Also, papers may include a full-length appendix.

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