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The ***Annals of Operations Research*** seeks submissions for a special volume on ***Advances in Energy and Environmental Issues in China: Theory, Models, and Applications***. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2011.

During the past thirty years of reform and global outreach, China's economy and society have undergone surprising changes. The enormous use of natural resources has brought both rapid economic development and severe energy shortages and environmental pollution. It has become necessary for China to analyze these rapid changes to find ways to improve the quality of economic growth through clean production, rapid upgrades of the labor-intensive section in the high-tech industrial chain, and the revision of pricing strategies.

The main topics of interest

Potential topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- Different theoretical frameworks concerning environmental issues in China and their hypothesis testing
- The building of models on measurement of environmental efficiency in China, taking into account changing factors, and their solutions
- The building of various index systems of environmental efficiency evaluation, and the verification of their reliability
- The empirical analysis of methods to reduce energy consumption and of the socio-economic development based on new models
- Sustainable development in China and the characteristics of Chinese energy and environmental problems
- The analysis of regional differences in environmental efficiency in China, and the promotion tool analysis for the undeveloped regions

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