

Editorial

The current issue includes Thomas Budde Christensen & Henrik Hauggaard-Nielsen's contribution "*Circular Economy: Practices, Knowledge Bases and Novelty*" with an aim to provide a critical theoretical discussion of the knowledge basis for the concept of circular economy (CE).

The current issue seeks to expand the existing knowledge related to CE through analysis of the novelty of the concept, by looking at similarities and differences between existing concepts and strategies, up against the CE concept. The last three decades has brought about various concepts and strategies with the aim to develop production and consumption system, which entails for example closed-loop and zero-emissions. The CE concept, in large, replicate these concepts and strategies, but also reformulates them and hereby provide new knowledge and insight that can be utilized within political institutions and business in the future. Departing from existing literature within the field, as well as case studies illustrating how the CE concept has been deployed at a macro, meso and micro level, the paper identifies how the concept has evolved. It reveals specific elements, that has been added or sustained in connection to the concept, and which elements has been neglected.

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