Introduction:
The present era is threatened due to fragile environment. Biomes are under threat due to rapid change in climate. In recent years, the consumption behavior of human beings has led to rapid decline of natural resources and frequent natural disasters. The impact of these disasters has forced the scientific community and industry professionals to find optimal solutions. In response to multi-faceted problems, the management of flexible systems is found to be one of the desired strategies (Sushil, 2012). The corporates are increasingly embracing supply chain management as organizational strategy. However, supply chain management lexicon in business dictionary is one of the least understood (Corominas, 2013). Melnyk et al. (2014) have further argued that “supply chain designs” in recent years have attracted burgeoning interest among operations management communities; however majority of the works have failed to include the important factors in their model. Second, sustainable supply chain network designs in the last two decades have attracted significant contributions, but most of them are not well grounded in organizational theories. Hence, solutions obtained using complex mathematical models have failed to offer any better insight to practicing managers. In response to pressing need for more robust solutions to existing sustainable supply chain network design approaches, there is need for flexibility in terms of methodology, systems, strategy, and organizational resources. The operations management literature has failed to use alternative methods to offer more holistic solutions to dynamic problems. To further advance current literature, there is a need for diffusion of sociological theories, behavioral sciences theory, organizational theories, and decision sciences capability. Hence, the aim of our special issue is to advance current flexible sustainable supply chain network design literature. Thus the papers invited for this special issue should focus on both theory and practice.

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**Scope and coverage:**

This special issue invites papers that attempt to build theory and make significant contribution to current literature. Hence the papers invited for this special issue is expected to use empirical approach, alternative methods like case studies, grounded theory, systems theory, appreciative enquiry, action research and other established methodology. We have outlined list of indicative topics below, which may not be exhaustive:

- Advancing flexible sustainable supply chain network design using SAP-LAP framework;
- Using Total Interpretive Structural Modeling to build flexible sustainable supply chain theory;
- Ethical supply chain design and practices;
- Responsible supply chain design;
- Sustainable consumption and production in fragile environment;
- Design for disaster relief supply chains;
- People issues in managing sustainable supply chain network;
- Behavioral operations research in flexible sustainable supply chain network;
- Closed loop supply chain network design;
- Multiple criteria decision making tools application in evaluation of best flexible sustainable supply chain network design;
- Use of game theory to decide trade-offs in flexible supply chain network design;
- Applications of evolutionary algorithms in sustainable supply chain network design;