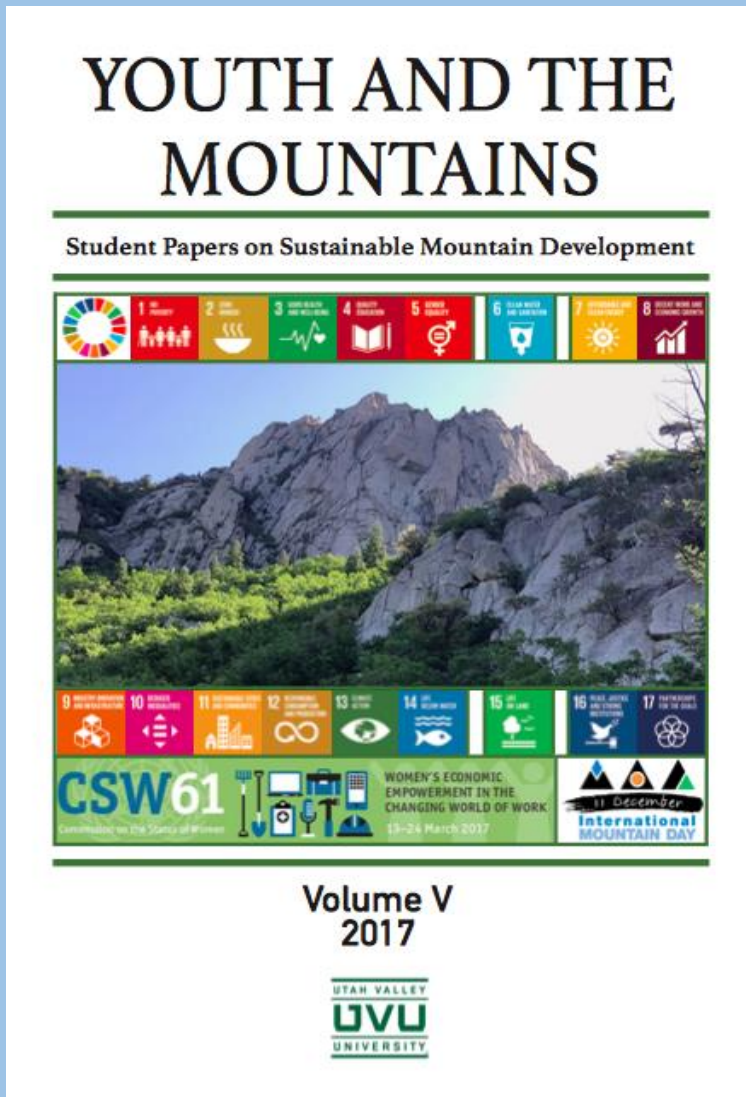


# Youth and the Mountains Journal



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- The Youth and the Mountains Journal continues the established tradition of promoting the Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) agenda of the United Nations in the state of Utah.
- The journal highlights Utah Valley University's student engagement model and provides a forum for student undergraduate research along with advocating and developing student academic scholarship.
- Developed as a co-curricular pedagogy with the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of clubs at UVU at its core, the initiative engages students across the campus, including both non-traditional and traditional students, in the implementation of the United Nations (UN) SMD agenda since 2006. Different institutions under the UN officially recognized UVU and UIMF for its engagement in the SMD agenda during 2017.



# The Importance of Highlighting Sustainable Mountain Development

- This journal provides a unique and increased perspective on Sustainable Mountain Development in mountainous regions worldwide.
- The topography of mountain living is very unique, therefore the way these communities are developed and sustained are pretty exclusive to mountain living and must be looked at differently than living in non-mountainous areas.
- The importance of this lies in the plight of people who live in mountainous regions worldwide, though their plight is often overlooked. This is unfortunate considering mountains are more difficult to live in than flat valleys . Due to this, the way these mountains communities work and sustain themselves are very unique in their nature.
- This journal provides a platform for ideas that may aid mountain communities as well.





# Past Publications

- Utah Valley University has established a tradition of publishing the Youth and the Mountains Journal since 2013.
- The 2017 edition was published earlier this year and covered a range of topics. And may be viewed at <https://www.uvu.edu/hps/docs/ymjournal-5.pdf>.
- Examples of topics in the 2017 edition include mountain issues in the Hindu Kush, to Utah's energy and infrastructure, and refugees in the United States, specifically living in Utah.

# Current Issue



- The 2018 Youth and the Mountains Journal will be available to view February 2019.
- Sustainable Mountain Development issues covered will include SMD agenda practices in the United States, even ranging locally to Eagle Mountain, and international SMD practices in countries such as Tunisia and Israel.
- Additionally, topics such as expanding wireless capabilities in mountain communities and theoretical approaches to domestic and foreign policy for mountain countries will be included as well.



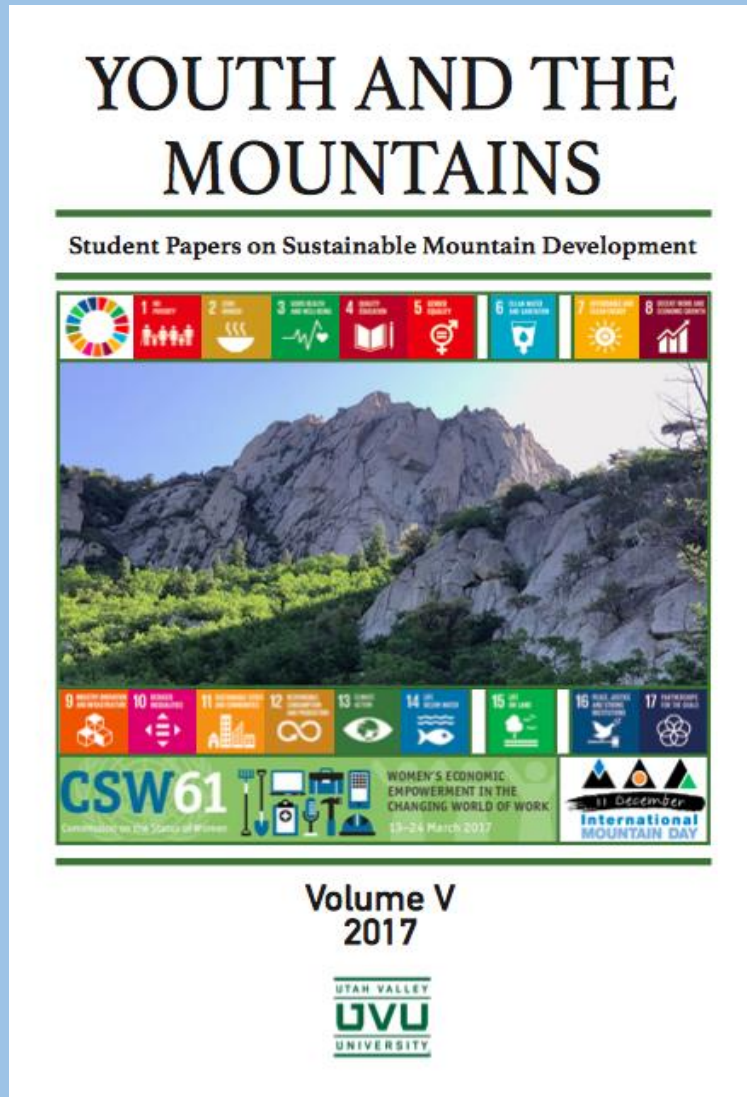
# How to Send in Papers, What Can The Content be Like?

- Due to the diverse nature of topics that encapsulate Sustainable Mountains Development (SMD) submissions may include research papers on the SMD agenda nationally, or internationally, or reflective essays which include the topic of individuals who live in the mountains.
- To send in submissions or to discuss submission topics please email me directly at [rebecca.bindraban@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.bindraban@gmail.com) with the subject line **JOURNAL SUBMISSION**.





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