

Special Issue

Depopulation of Rural Areas: Social, Economic, and Environmental Issues

Message from the Guest Editors

Depopulation is one of the main problems plaguing rural areas. Rural depopulation induces many negative effects on the economic, social, and environmental balance of rural areas. From an economic perspective, the production capacity tends to shrink and, consequently, the abilities of rural areas to generate income, to promote trade flows, and to attract investment are reduced. The tax revenues of these territories decrease, while the average costs per inhabitant of public services, such as the construction and management of local infrastructure, increase (OECD, 2021). This Special Issue intends to collect papers examining the multiple aspects that, on an economic, social, and environmental level, characterise the issue of rural depopulation. Interest will be reserved for papers that, with reference to rural areas, address issues such as poverty, social structure, rural–urban relationship, technological innovation, costs and benefits of public services, economics of farms, institutional and land management problems, and policy measures. Papers addressing general topics as well as analyses of case studies will also be appreciated.

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