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Message from the Guest Editor

Sustainable rural development requires balance between agriculture and the energy sector in rural areas. While there can be complementary issues, there can be also trade-offs between them. Food security and energy security with a transition towards clean energy are objectives that cannot be achieved without investments and efficiency in use of limited agricultural, forestry and other rural area resources. With increasing demand for both food and energy, there is greater pressure on natural resources and a greater demand for clean energy. To resolve complex questions and sometimes conflicting interests, interdisciplinary challenges regarding the effects of the energy sector on agriculture, forestry, rural areas and their bioresources must be resolved. The challenging question is how to achieve energy security at affordable costs and prices without compromising on food security, environmental protection and agreement between stakeholders in rural areas. Authors are invited to submit empirical, methodological and theoretical research on links between agriculture, forestry, rural areas, energy and other socio-economic activities. Perspectives from multiple disciplines are welcome.

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