Special Issue

Rapid Disaster Assessment and Post-Disaster Recovery Using UAV Remote Sensing

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of *Drones* aims to collect original research articles and review papers focusing on the use of UAV-based remote sensing for disaster response and recovery. Contributions should explore both theoretical advancements and practical implementations, highlighting the role of UAVs in supporting resilient, informed, and sustainable disaster management strategies. The proposed theme aligns closely with the journal's scope by showcasing innovative drone applications for remote sensing in high-impact real-world scenarios.

- Rapid mapping techniques using UAVs for post-disaster assessment;
- 3D reconstruction of damaged environments;
- Change detection and semantic segmentation in disaster zones;
- Integration of UAV data with GIS and satellite data;
- Machine learning and AI applications for UAV data analysis;
- Multi-sensor UAV platforms for rescue and recovery;
- Case studies on real-world disaster response using drones;
- Legal, ethical, and logistical considerations in UAV emergency deployments.

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