

Special Issue

Practice and Policy: Rural and Urban Education Experiences

Message from the Guest Editors

It is widely understood that the terms 'rural' and 'urban' are commonly used to describe places where individuals reside and grow up.

Focusing on the concepts of rural and urban areas can deepen our understanding of the ways in which context can shape educational experiences. Emphasizing the idea that places matter, this Special Issue aims to gather a collection of papers related to practice and policy regarding rural and urban education experiences. The scope of the Special Issue is broad, and we welcome the submission of original research articles, theoretical articles and literature reviews. Original research articles can utilize various research methods, including qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods. Research papers may center on rural education, urban education or an examination of the similarities, differences and connections between rural and urban schools, settlements or areas. Additionally, research can encompass pre-school, K-12 or higher education experiences.

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