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Emergent Trends in Managed Landscapes: Land Change, Forest Transformation, and Resource Management in the 21st Century

Message from the Guest Editors

The 21st century is witness to novel trends in land-cover change and associated management regimes concerned with rural and forested areas in the Global South. Globalization has transformed these managed landscapes, economically, biophysically, and demographically, introducing new structures atop pre-existing dynamics.

Descriptions of emergent land-change 'events' entailing forest gain, loss, or transformation in managed landscapes across the Global South have often characterized them as ends unto themselves, without regard to underlying historical or ensuing dynamics. In response, this special issue invites integrative perspectives on major emergent trends in land-use/cover change and associated political/economic management regimes across the Global South. Attention is given to lands and forests in rural or managed landscapes, the human dimensions of their development, emergent roles of the State and other relevant stakeholders influencing or reacting to novel trends, and to the concept of forest transformation—understood as the increasingly anthropogenic character of forest cover without corresponding major changes to overall forest area.

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