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Metropolitan areas are complex human-environmental systems consisting of urban agglomerations and their peri-urban hinterland. By 2050, two thirds of the population will live in cities. With this continuous increase in urban population and their footprint, the need to assess, map, and quantify urban sprawl with high spatial detail and the need for sustainable urban development also increase. Understanding transformations of metropolitan areas and navigating those transformations toward more sustainable and or resilient pathways is of utmost societal relevance. This Special Issue provides the possibility to contribute with studies dealing with the utilization of innovative geospatial data sources and state-of-the-art analysis methods. The aim of this Special Issue is, therefore, to generate new methodologic insights in GI science and generate knowledge to build a robust problem-solving capacity for urban sustainability research.

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