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Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue seeks contributions that bridge the gap between changing optimization strategies and evolving land uses. We welcome empirical research and conceptual/theoretical works that delve into key processes, such as:

- land/land-use/land-cover change;
- land management, including agriculture, forestry, the built environment, and others;
- landscapes, landscape design, and landscape planning;
- urban contexts, urban–rural interactions, and urban planning and development.

Contributions at the intersection of land use science and related disciplines are particularly encouraged. However, we welcome submissions from diverse human–environment fields that emphasize the fundamental role of human activities in optimizing land development. We encourage diversity in contributions to capture the nuanced complexities of land development across different contexts.

We look forward to receiving your original research articles and reviews.



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