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## The Fate of Brazilian Amazon Tropical Forests in the 21st Century: Knowledge, Tools and Opportunities

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Dear Colleagues,

The Amazon region plays a crucial and controversial role in planetary sustainability. Wealth and waste are side by side. Amazon forests are repositories of the largest remaining biodiversity patrimonies on Earth, influences the precipitation patterns all over South America, and is among the ecosystems whose degradation will accelerate global warming. The aggressive deforestation and illegal land appropriation processes in the Brazilian Amazon are threatening such environmental heritage, but also wasting resources and failing to efficiently employ the region's impressive potential. Year after year the Amazon seems to miss opportunities, not only in farms and forests, but also in governance systems, both public and private.

This Special Issue welcomes cutting-edge research providing new insights on the following questions:

How can we understand and monitor better the diverse processes underlying the recent land use changes, such increase in deforestation and forest degradation in the region?

Which innovations could support institutions and local actors to consolidate sustainable development trajectories?



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