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## Land Issues and Their Impact on Tourism Development

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Tourism development is highly dependent on the availability, quality, quantity and characteristics of land. However, a plethora of issues are associated with the acquisition and uses of land for tourism, recreation and leisure purposes. Several of these issues are related to the protection and conservation of natural and cultural-heritage resources within protected areas and other parts of tourism destinations. More contemporary issues include overcrowding and the disturbance of local residents, expressed through the phenomenon called overtourism.

Land issues and tourism tend to be magnified in developing countries where economic transformation and urbanisation are rapid. The transfer of agricultural lands in rural areas for tourism uses and into protected areas raises several issues with respect to land use, transfer and management.

This Special Issue explores the trends, challenges and opportunities for land development through tourism. The papers included should critically analyse key issues from a variety of different perspectives including the environment, society and culture, and economic growth and development.



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