



## Rural Landscapes - Challenges and Solutions to Landscape Governance

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Rural landscape dynamics are challenging existing policy regimes and new approaches to landscape governance regimes are called for. The underlying driving forces for landscape change are increasingly interlinked and globalized. Policy regimes are functioning at multiple levels across sectors. Some domains have been de-regulated, such as agricultural policies; others have expanded, such as nature conservation and natural resource policies; and others, again, have been decentralized, such as land-use planning—all adding to the complexity of change and regulation. Finally, rural communities themselves have changed because of various combinations of in and out migrations, and often find themselves locked in between influence from outside forces and internal social and cultural segregation.



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