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Why Urban Agriculture Matters

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Message from the Guest Editors

Urban Agricultures (UA) represents a myriad of production techniques that vary from fully commercialized factories or greenhouses with hydroponic systems to experimental Zfarming, cooperatively organized allotments, private home gardens and placements of single baskets in the back yard or at the balcony. UA supplies fresh and healthy foods to households, markets, restaurants, and grocery stores while saving on transport mileages; empowers the poor by broadening their food safety networks and generating some income; encourages social cohesion and contributes to a pleasant environment by transforming grey cities to green. Yet, despite the multitude of advantages, UA has not been developing at the expected speed. It is difficult to find suitable places where land and water is available and the competition with built-up initiatives can be settled. Moreover, some cities have prohibitive policies and ordinances that stymie UA initiatives. Tackling this issue requires a deeper understanding of the main constraints that block UA expansion. The journal *Land* challenges you to contribute to a Special Issue that should support the development of UA to its full potential.



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