

Special Issue

Rural–Urban Gradients: Landscape and Nature Conservation II

Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, progressive urban expansion related to the increase in the size of cities and human settlements has motivated a growing interest in understanding urban–rural gradients and their associated social–ecological processes. This Special Issue open to researchers interested in this field. Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Urban expansion and biodiversity variation;
- Edge cities and periurban–rural landscape;
- Tensions between urban growth and nature conservation;
- Social–ecological patterns and processes along rural–urban gradients;
- Social–ecological sustainability at the urban–rural fringe;
- Transformation and resilience of the urban–rural divide;
- Protected areas and governance systems related to urban–rural linkages;
- Implications of urbanization processes on land conservation and rural development;
- Rural–urban gradients and ecosystem services supply.

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