

Special Issue

Interrelations in Urban–Rural Transects: Planning Sustainable Transformations for Human Wellbeing

Message from the Guest Editors

Understanding the nexus among ecosystems' functioning, landscape patterns' change, and socio-demographic trends is crucial to spatial planning research and the achievement of human health and well-being. The effects of the structure and organization of human settlements on health and quality of life have been explored in the last decades, and this dimension has quite recently also been discussed from the spatial planning perspective. The gradient of well-being, which rises in some contexts from its lowest levels in large central cities to its highest levels on the small-town–rural periphery, is actually challenged by several factors such as environmental challenges and the risks posed by climate change, accessibility to green areas, social and health services, and infrastructural and economic gaps. This Special Issue aims to overview the latest frontiers in managing urban–rural interrelations both across the transect, as well as in the urban fringes as a very peculiar in-between space, and to collect the most advanced methodological proposals for assessing human wellbeing based on the spatial features of human settlements.

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