# Special Issue

# Effects of Land Use Patterns and Land Cover Changes on Soil Quality

### Message from the Guest Editors

The goal of this Special Issue is to collect papers to give insights into the shifts in main soil quality parameters that ensure ecosystem functioning under land use patterns and land cover changes. Within the functions, we focus on the ecosystem (regulation of matter and energy exchange between the components of the biocenosis). Thus, studies aiming to trace the changes in the soil quality parameters responsible for the above functions are highly welcome. Studies that have used long-term field experiments and those done under greenhouse facilities and the used modeling approaches are encouraged. This Special Issue will welcome manuscripts that link the following themes:

- Impact of changes in land use patterns on soil quality indicators, physical and chemical functions;
- Impact of land cover changes (in natural and agricultural landscapes) on biological soil quality;
- Transformation of organic matter (plant-derived or organic fertilizers/amendments-derived) in soil under land use patterns and land cover changes;
- Soils as a buffer against environmental impacts under changes in land use patterns and land cover.

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