

Special Issue

Interactions and Transformations in Urban–Rural Land Use Systems and Their Nexus with Ecosystems

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to advance interdisciplinary research on the drivers, processes, and ecological impacts of urban–rural land use transitions.

Submissions should align with the scope of *Land* by integrating spatial, temporal, or socioecological perspectives to provide scientific insights for policy development and sustainable land management. We welcome submissions on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- The driving mechanisms of urban expansion and rural land intensification/abandonment;
- Trade-offs and synergies in ecosystem services along the urban–rural gradient;
- Governance frameworks for integrated urban–rural land planning and management;
- Case studies on peri-urban expansion, agroecological transitions, or nature-based solutions;
- Systematic analyses of land use transitions;
- The impacts of climate change on urban–rural–ecological coupled systems;
- Changes in urban–rural ecological land use;
- Innovative applications of remote sensing and artificial intelligence in land system interactions

We look forward to receiving your original research articles and reviews.

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