

# Special Issue

## Topical Advisory Panel Member Solicited Papers Series: Land Use Changes in Rural Areas

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue seeks to showcase innovative methodologies using land use change models for investigating and explaining land change dynamics in rural areas and to explore and identify how researchers in different disciplines can learn from one another to develop understanding of rural land use patterns and processes taking place in different geographical areas and the implications these changes may have locally and globally. It will emphasize multidisciplinary dialogue between researchers using land use change models in human and physical geography, hydrology, ecology, economics, agricultural sciences, alternative histories, sociology, and others. This Special Issue will welcome manuscripts that link the following themes:

- Land change dynamics and patterns in rural landscapes.
- Urban-rural interactions and conflicts.
- Rural land management and governance linked with land use changes.
- Land use processes and their driving factors.
- Direct and indirect consequences of land use changes in rural socioecological systems.
- Land use scenarios in rural landscapes.
- Land use modelling advances.

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