Special Issue

Spatial Governance Strategies for Enhancing Agricultural Livelihoods at Rural-Urban Transition

Message from the Guest Editors

With the acceleration of global urbanization and the deep integration of digital technologies, agricultural livelihoods in rural-urban transition zones are undergoing profound reconstruction. Utilizing land spatial governance and resource efficiency optimization as core drivers is no longer a long-term goal, but a tangible reality reshaping agricultural livelihood strategies and practices, thereby transforming traditional land-use patterns and rural development paradigms. The central challenge lies in the alignment between land spatial governance, resource efficiency strategies, and the authentic needs of farmers, particularly throughout the entire process of policy design and implementation. It is imperative for planners, administrators, technicians, and policymakers to incorporate farmers' inputs, such as production habits, risk preferences, life experiences, and livelihood goals, into the planning process. This would enable the development of more practical guidelines, supportive measures, and development models when formulating land spatial plans and resource allocation policies.

Guest Editors

Prof. Dr. Gui Jin

Dr. Baishu Guo

Dr. Zhihui Li

Prof. Dr. Shaikh Shamim Hasan

Deadline for manuscript submissions

31 March 2026



an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.2 CiteScore 5.9



mdpi.com/si/255852

Land Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 land@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ land





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.2 CiteScore 5.9





Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Land is the only open access journal covering all aspects of land science, and it is a pioneering platform for publishing on land system science. Our editorial board is comprised of eminent scholars. We publish high quality research on societally relevant, emerging and innovative topics and results in land system research. It is now one of the top land journals with a significant impact factor, and has a goal to become the best journal in land in the coming years. I strongly recommend Land for your best research publications for a fast dissemination of your research.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Christine Fürst

Department Sustainable Landscape Development, Institute for Geosciences and Geography, University of Halle, Halle, Germany

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SSCI (Web of Science), PubAg, AGRIS, GeoRef, RePEc, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Environmental Studies) / CiteScore - Q1 (Nature and Landscape Conservation)

