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Rural-Urban Interaction in Terms of the Spatial Pattern and Local Development

Message from the Guest Editors

Enhancing rural–urban interactions has been gradually recognised as an overarching strategy to guide spatial interventions towards more sustainable and inclusive development, as well as the fundamental path to achieve rural revitalization, by improving urban–rural synergies, including optimising the management of ecosystems and natural resources, conceiving and implementing long-term plans that promote both the inclusivity for local actors that aim to reduce social, economic, and territorial gaps, as well as the free flow and equal exchange of urban–rural factors. During the process of rapid urbanization and industrialization, new changes have taken place in the divisions of industries and functions between urban and rural areas.

Meanwhile, the development of technology and multi-dimensional local and global networks enable the spatial flows of developing factors and population mobilities in a much wider range and higher speed. This has also led to the spatial pattern of rural–urban interactions constantly changing, which promote local development transformation.

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