

Special Issue

Impact of Globalization on Rural Areas: Changes in Land Use and Functions, Deagrarianization, Tertiarization, Urbanization, and Mobility

Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue focuses on how recent processes of globalization modify socio-economic organization and land use in rural areas, both in those integrated into periurban and metropolitan areas and in deep and remote rural spaces, at the local and regional territorial level. Recent rural dynamics have been characterized mainly by several interrelated trends: deagrarianization, economic and cultural diversification, population changes, and increased mobility. Although these modifications are common to all rural areas, the way in which they are produced, and the effects vary greatly from one territory to another depending on different socio-economic, infrastructural, and cultural circumstances. These changes affect areas between the countryside and the city where intensive processes of rural urbanization, suburbanization and peri-urbanization are taking place, but also, although in different ways, rural areas that are more distant and less connected to urban spaces. We kindly invite papers linking the aspects mentioned above. Contributions to this Special Issue could serve to provide some useful answers for the implementation of land and landscape planning projects.

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