Special Issue

Soil Legacies, Land Use Change and Forest and Grassland Restoration

Message from the Guest Editors

Across the globe, human alteration of natural communities has affected soil chemical and physical properties, as well as plant the community structure and composition in dramatic ways. This Special Issue is designed to highlight current research focused on forest and grassland restoration, soil legacies created by prior human activities, and the effects of land use change on soil properties. As human activities continue to apply stress to our natural systems, it is vital for the research community to understand how we have changed soil and plant communities over time and to put forth the best techniques for improving ecosystem health across the world. The goal of this Special Issue is to collect papers (original research articles and review papers) to present insights about the current research focused on forest and grassland restoration, soil legacies due to human activities, and soil and plant communities affected by land use changes. This Special Issue will welcome manuscripts with the following themes:

- Forest and grassland restoration;
- Soil legacies and land use change.

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

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