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Land Governance and Spatial Development

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Land systems are rapidly transforming under urbanization, rural restructuring, technological change, and evolving institutions. Land governance—through policies, markets, and multi-level governance structures—plays a critical role in shaping spatial development outcomes such as land-use efficiency, sustainability, and social equity. This Special Issue explores how land governance influences spatial development across urban, rural, and regional contexts. We welcome original research and reviews on land-use change, land policy, spatial planning, and land-market mechanisms, with a focus on institutional dynamics and governance innovations.

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