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The Dynamics of Urbanization: Challenges and Solutions in Land Development and Regional Planning

Message from the Guest Editors

The process of urbanization is accompanied by dramatic land-use transformations in urban and rural areas. While urbanization drives regional economic growth and social development, it simultaneously generates multifaceted land-use challenges, including environmental degradation, urban sprawl, rural hollowing, farmland shortages, and social inequalities. Addressing these challenges requires innovative approaches to land development and regional planning that balance growth with sustainability. Urbanization pathways are deeply embedded in the distinct economic, social, and cultural contexts of nations and regions, resulting in significant variations in urbanization stages, land-use impacts, and planning responses across different settings. This Special Issue focuses on the dynamic patterns and mechanisms of urbanization, urban-rural land-use transitions in the context of urbanization, and regional planning responses to associated challenges. We welcome interdisciplinary contributions to exchange and advance knowledge in this field.

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