

Special Issue

Integrating Nature-Based Tourism, Urban Community Planning, and Sustainable Land Use

Message from the Guest Editors

Global urbanization has led to a triple crisis: ecological space loss, land fragmentation, and community dysfunction. Addressing these challenges requires a shift in spatial planning, as emphasized by the UN's New Urban Agenda and 2030 SDGs. This Special Issue calls for a collaborative framework that integrates natural tourism, community resilience, and land use. It seeks research that blends human geography, landscape ecology, and public policy to improve territorial planning. Topics include multidisciplinary innovations (e.g., space syntax with ecosystem services, ABM simulations), technical systems (e.g., ecotourism capacity models, carbon sink measurements), and institutional breakthroughs (e.g., national park communities, ecological compensation pilots). The focus is on digital technology (e.g., 3D cadastral rights, ecological footprint monitoring) and policy innovations (e.g., land rights securitization, community planning contracts). Research should address conflicts and propose solutions. Research should highlight contradictions and propose solutions.

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