

Special Issue

Pilgrimage Routes, Sacred Places, and Contribution to Territories' Sustainable Development

Message from the Guest Editor

The history of pilgrimage routes and sacred places is intertwined with the history of humanity and has played a crucial role in the development of territories over the centuries. These routes have been responsible for creating many localities and settling territories, creating sustainability that has made them last for generations. Properly managing pilgrimage routes and holy places is critical to ensure these benefits are sustainable and equitable. This includes responsible tourism practices, local community involvement, and responsible development, avoiding overcrowding, environmental degradation, and improper commercialisation of local culture. The sustainable development of these routes and sites must be carefully planned to preserve their long-term value. There is still a scarcity of scientific literature on these and other related topics. With this Special Issue, we aim to fill these gaps by encouraging researchers from different areas to explore the possibilities of research on these themes in a multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, diachronic and/or synchronised, and transversal way.

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