



Grazing in Future Multi-Scapes: From Thoughtscapes to Landscapes, Creating Health from the Ground Up

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Throughout the landscapes of the world, livestock fulfill essential roles in ecology, agriculture, economies and cultures, including families, farms and communities. In many cases, however, pastoralism, with the single objective of maximizing animal production and/or profit, has transformed landscapes, diminishing biodiversity, reducing water and air quality, accelerating loss of soil and plant biomass and displacing indigenous animals and people. These degenerative landscape transformations are jeopardizing present and future ecosystem and societal services, breaking the natural integration of land, water, air, health, society and culture. In this Special Issue we call for a paradigm shift in pastoral production systems and how grazing herbivores are managed within them, initially, this will be derived from a change in perception of how pastoral production provides wealth. The Special Issue is linked to a Workshop to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand in July 2021 (see <https://web.cvent.com/event/3bcbdfc4-ff78-4f6d-804d-7bdedfeb8c8d/summary>).





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