



Rural Population and Social Sustainability

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Dear Colleges,

This Special Issue aims to encourage debate about the opportunities and conditions to re-equilibrate and revitalize the population in rural areas. As suggestions, some topics are highlighted: The ways to reconnect rural economies standing out the ability of rural populations to manage environmental sustainable practices; the lack of welfare conditions, the difficulties to access to services and social resources and their impact in terms of social sustainability; and the potential of the new ICTs and modes of transport (shared, collaborative) to support another kind of rural accessibility and the reduction of social inequalities in these areas. Although other proposals will be welcome, we appreciate contributions focusing on the former topics and about the capacity of social systems to regulate the imbalances that affect rural areas, as well as the participation of sociologists, geographers, environmentalists and specialists in rural planning.

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