



Bridging The Rural-Urban Divide: Towards Universally Sustainable Regional Economic Development

Guest Editors:

Dr. Sarah A. Low

Division of Applied Social
Sciences, University of Missouri,
Columbia, MO 65211, USA

lowsa@missouri.edu

Prof. Dr. Stephan Weiler

Department of Economics,
Colorado State University, Fort
Collins, CO 80523-1771, USA

stephan.weiler@colostate.edu

Deadline for manuscript
submissions:

31 January 2022

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to provide fresh insights into how rural and urban areas can collaborate and complement each other economically to the benefit of both. A core principle to this initiative is that individual global states and regions are each in unique positions to become leaders in building innovative bridges between rural and urban regions. Economic development is often considered a zero-sum game, where one region's gain is another's loss. In the U.S. case, urban areas have grown rapidly since the Great Recession. Urban areas also appear to be recovering more quickly from the COVID-induced recession, leaving rural areas further behind.

We seek frontier research that can illuminate current and potential economic bridges across the rural–urban divide. We are hopeful the papers from this issue will help to frame the diverse potential roles of the private, public, academic, and philanthropic sectors in one of the new millennium's critical issues, based on the analytical expertise of the contributors.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Marc A. Rosen

Faculty of Engineering and
Applied Science, University of
Ontario Institute of Technology,
Oshawa, ON L1G 0C5, Canada

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

I encourage you to contribute a research or comprehensive review article for consideration for publication in *Sustainability*, an international Open Access journal which provides an advanced forum for research findings in areas related to sustainability and sustainable development. The journal publishes original research articles, reviews, conference proceedings (peer-reviewed full articles) and communications. I am confident you will find the journal contributes to enhancing understanding of sustainability and fostering initiatives and applications of sustainability-based measures and activities.

Author Benefits

Open Access:— free for readers, with [article processing charges \(APC\)](#) paid by authors or their institutions.

High visibility: indexed within [Scopus](#), [SCIE](#) and [SSCI \(Web of Science\)](#), [GEOBASE](#), [Inspec](#), [AGRIS](#), [RePEc](#), [CAPlus / SciFinder](#), and many [other databases](#).

Journal Rank: [JCR](#) - Q2 (*Environmental Sciences*) / [CiteScore](#) - Q1 (*Geography, Planning and Development*)

Contact Us

Sustainability
MDPI, St. Alban-Anlage 66
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
Fax: +41 61 302 89 18
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/sustainability
sustainability@mdpi.com
[@Sus_MDPI](https://twitter.com/Sus_MDPI)