



## **Sustainable Geographical Changes in Rural Areas: Social, Environmental and Cultural Dimensions**

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The geographical debate on the processes of transformation of rural areas has considerable continuity and permanently generates new research issues. This debate maintains large processes or axes of transformation that have multiple spatial disparities.

1. Sociocultural, which relates to the dynamics of change in communities, the emergency processes of new social groups, the renewed role of women or the new geographical identities of the countryside or rurality;
2. The new environmental perspective encompasses from the great geographical debates associated with political ecology in the global South, the unequal integration of agri-environmental policies or the environmental redefinition of rural areas by Western populations;
3. From the perspective of political geography, rural areas now have a renewed symbolic value in national identity and politics, which is expressed in the changing position of the rural core and peripheral areas.

This Special Issue supports quality research from a mainly geographical perspective, and also encourages research associated with one of the three dimensions: sociocultural, environmental or political.





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