



Sustainable Rural Futures

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The rural landscape, facing its most transformative period in our history, is key to any meaningful discussion on sustainability. In particular, the rural landscape is frequently positioned in terms of its role in the future of food production and food security, addressing issues of energy security and being part of the efforts confronting climate change. When it comes to thinking about the rural landscape, and particularly agriculture, a fundamental principle is the necessity to plan ahead. In our contemporary world, this fundamental principle is perhaps more significant now than ever. Our ability to adapt, to strategize, to overcome unexpected obstacles, and to build sustainable and resilient systems is a challenge and necessity we must fully embrace. The rural landscape, however, faces an array of challenges, such as an ageing farming population, limited land mobility, disillusionment among young farmers in terms of future livelihood sustainability, and the steady decline of the farm family. In this Special Issue, these key concerns and others, which will undoubtedly mould our rural futures, will be explored.





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