



Rural-Urban Transformation of Asian Megacities from a Social-Ecological Systems Perspective

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Message from the Guest Editors

The rise of megacities has challenged traditional concepts of the “urban” and the “rural”, in terms of physical and service infrastructure, jobs, lifestyles, and consumption patterns. The flow of unprocessed and processed foods and raw materials as well as labor from rural to urban areas, and of remittances, information, and waste from urban to rural locations, are only some of the most obvious phenomena standing for the increasingly complex linkages and transformations with a profound economic, social, and environmental impact. Whereas in Western countries, growth rates of urban agglomerations are presently slowing down, West Africa and in particular Asia are the current hotspots of urbanization.

Against this background, we invite authors from different disciplines, such as life sciences, social sciences, economics, environmental geosciences, human geography, urban planning, and other related disciplines, to submit papers to this Special Issue on “Rural–Urban Transformation of Asian Megacities from a Social–Ecological Systems Perspective”.





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