

Special Issue

The Sustainable Development of Villages and Small Towns under the Situation of Population Contraction

Message from the Guest Editors

Villages and small towns are vital elements of settlement systems around the world. Since the second half of the 20th century, many villages and small towns worldwide have confronted an increasingly severe phenomenon of population contraction. Hence, how to lead the sustainable development of depopulating villages and small towns becomes an urgent problem to break through. We are pleased to invite the submission of papers to this Special Issue “Sustainable Development of Villages and Small Towns under the Situation of Population Contraction”. In doing so, we aim at deepening our understanding of the development trend of worldwide villages and small towns, enriching the research perspectives, methodologies and object types of issues associated with the sustainable development of villages and small towns, urban shrinkage, urbanization, etc., and providing references for possible intervention strategies and measures. Please check the details of the special issue via the link below:

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