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Land-Use and Spatial Resilience Changes in Cultural Landscapes

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In recent decades, the exponential growth of the world's population has been accompanied by accelerated processes of expansion of urban and agricultural frontiers on a global scale. These two processes are acting as drivers of land-use change, affecting all types of ecosystems. The spatial structure of an ecosystem or landscape and the interrelationships of its internal components, together with its context (surrounding environment), its connectivity and its dynamics, will define its overall capacity to withstand disturbances and its subsequent recovery or adaptive response. In this framework, we encourage authors whose studies are related to changes in land use, in any type of cultural landscape along a wide rural-urban gradient, and their effects on structure and functionality that affect their spatial resilience to different disturbances (anthropic or natural) to contribute to this Special Issue with research or review papers. For further reading, please visit the Special Issue website.

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