

Special Issue

Urban–Rural Integration in the Context of Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims at analyzing how harnessing linkages between urban and rural areas can potentially reduce spatial disparities, and the emphasis is placed on examining the flows of people, goods, money and information between rural and urban areas, as well as upon the linkages that form between different economic sectors. Potential topics include but are not limited to

- Why the relationship between rural and urban is transforming?
- How do these transformations affect the quality of land use and cover change?
- Why uneven regional development occurs and how economic growth is geographically varied?
- How urban–rural integration can potentially realign uneven development?
- How an urban bias can lead to extractive and discriminatory policies against the rural sector?
- What are the features of urban–rural integration in special areas, like coastal areas, marine areas?
- How do human activities/behaviors affect urban–rural integrations?

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