

Special Issue

Resilient Territories and Communities as Futures-Proof Systems

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This Special Issue will focus on sociotechnoecological systems (STES) as an evolution of the social–ecological system concept (SES) considering an explicitly future-oriented and long-term perspective. The purpose of this Special Issue is to present an up-to-date overview of these problems from an operational, solution-oriented, future-oriented, and case-based perspective. Topics covered include multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, with a focus on temporal dimension or on multiple possible futures. Papers addressing one (e.g., local, global or "glocal") or multiple levels of SES or STES governance are also welcome. Here, we would like to collect study examples of "what happens next" or references to monitor what might happen within SES–STES over the years (or, even better, decades). We are looking for answers to questions such as: Are there any effective approaches to overcome the current barriers in communicating the STES complexity, in activating the responsibility of stakeholders, in sharing knowledge, in matching time and space scales within a multilevel governance?

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