

Special Issue

National Parks: Theories and Practices

Message from the Guest Editors

Since the first nature reserve was built in 1956, China has made remarkable achievements in biological conservation and ecosystem management. With more than 18% of the territory covered by protected areas, China is now entering an era of increasing the quality and efficiency of the conservation of protected areas. A national park system and the reform of protected areas were proposed in 2015, and an overall plan for the development of the national park system was released in 2017. Currently, ten national park pilots around the country are undergoing an experimental period through an institutional innovation in management unit, financial mechanism, natural resource management, and community participation. By 2020, these pilots will be under scrutiny, and the first batch of national parks will be established under a hierarchical and integrated management system. This Special Issue aims to provide a forum for international/national scholars, researchers, policy makers, and administrators to review and report theories and practices at the levels of national policy design and pilot case study, which have been taken to fuel the national park construction in their countries.

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