

Special Issue

Sustainable Urbanization in Rural Regions

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Sustainable urbanization and urban growth have become issues of high importance on the international research and policy agendas (e.g., SDG 11). This Special Issue aims to document and explore how urbanization in rural regions ('rural urbanization') of Africa and Asia progress, and to examine how small urban centers can support sustainable development. Papers could focus on one or more of the following topics: (1) multilocal livelihood strategies and the role of urban migrants/sojourners; (2) rural transformations, where dynamics in agricultural economies are nurtured by the provision services in local towns; (3) small towns as places of attraction for aspiring urbanites and/or for households and individuals seeking access to services and security; and (4) small towns as locations for climate change adaptation of rural households affected by environmental unpredictability and hazards. These topics are not exclusive, though, and contributions might be either empirically or conceptually founded.

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