

## Special Issue

# Rural–Urban Transformation and Regional Development: 2nd Edition

### Message from the Guest Editors

- This Special Issue “Rural–Urban Transformation and Regional Development: 2nd Edition” calls for research on alternative conceptualisations of the rural, further crystallisation of rural and urban residents’ everyday activities (including activities rural and urban residents are currently conducting and what they might do differently to thrive), and pathways toward a more vital society. It is expected to broaden our understanding by exploring interdisciplinary approaches and theories designed to enable more human-centred approaches to rural–urban planning, policies, governance, and society globally.

- reconceptualizations of rurality;
- the everyday activities of rural and urban residents;
- rural–urban greenery, landscape features, public spaces, wellbeing and health;
- rural–urban transport and regional development;
- rural–urban businesses and local economies;
- recreations of rurality and rural–urban tourism development;
- rural–urban resilience and social life;
- rural–urban (re)settlement, liveability, and environmental sustainability...

- We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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