

Special Issue

Diversity and Opportunities for Rural Development

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue seeks to assemble examples of the diverse approaches in research on global rural development by highlighting specificities of practices and conceptual approaches from different parts of the world. These should also analyze if and how current activities contribute to the development of sustainable pathways and resilient regional development. The increasing concern for uneven urbanization and rural shrinkage in European countries and the US, as well as resource challenges, should be supplemented by positions from rural development practice of other continents, underpinning similarities or differences in policy paradigms. The focus of papers might be on emerging challenges, analyzing the specific roles of resource use, climate change adaptation, farm management changes and small-farm contributions, non-agricultural economy, tourism potential, institutional development, governance issues and role of state, as well as policy assessment, particularly addressing practices in rural development and implementation, community participation, poverty assessment and reduction action, and social innovation processes.

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