

## Land Use and Land Cover Change and Their Impacts on the Environment in Tibetan Plateau and Surrounding Areas

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Tibetan Plateau plays an important role in climate regulation, water conservation, biodiversity protection, and soil conservation. Most of the area is in a natural state and is highly vulnerable and sensitive to disturbance from external factors. Under the joint influence of human and natural factors, changes have taken place in the land cover of the plateau, which has a significant impact on the internal environment of the plateau and human socio-economic activities, as well as on the areas around the plateau.

This Special Issue aims to gather relevant research studies about land use and land cover changed and their impacts on the environment in the Tibetan Plateau and the surrounding areas. Research areas include:

Land cover mapping and validation;  
Land observation and monitoring using satellite and UAVs;  
Land-related issues in climate, ecology, environmental, geosciences, social, economic (sustainability) sciences; and biodiversity research;  
Land management, including the application of ecosystem services;  
Livelihoods and food security in relation to land issues;  
Land use change;  
Landscape change;  
Vegetation phenology;  
Environmental impacts;  
Human–environment interactions.



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