



Exploring Patterns of Evolution from Cropland to Built-Up Land for Sustainable Food Production Using Remote Sensing

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Message from the Guest Editors

Global food demand will increase by nearly 50% during the next 30 years. Sustainably meeting future food demand, which is at the core of SDG 2, requires human civilization to increase crop yields on existing cropland and ensure that the most productive croplands around the world remain under production. However, as countries' economies develop and urban population grows, surrounding highly productive croplands are converted for residential, industrial, and recreational purposes. The conversion of the most productive cropland for urban uses puts pressure on land conversion for agriculture.

This Special Issue will present studies investigating patterns of evolution from cropland to built-up land in different regions of the world based on the use of remote sensing techniques. Together with multi-sources data, as well as GIS and statistic methodologies, interested scholars should explore implications on food security, climate change, and the environment, and discuss the policies needed to prevent or ameliorate massive conversion of cropland due to urbanization. More broadly, we also encourage scholars to discuss the interactions between SDG 2 and SDG 11.

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