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The forest-transition (FT) concept refers to the long-term evolution of the forest cover in a region or country. This concept, first established in the field of geography upon empirical evidence, has since been apprehended by economists. This framework allows investigating the links between long-term economic development and land-use change. The dynamic perspective gives insights into the factors that help to halt deforestation, the ones determining forest composition in the recovery process, as well as the level of forest cover that can be preserved.

The aim of this Special Issue is to give an overview of recent work that relates forest transitions with economics. Theoretical papers using optimal control are expected, as well as empirical papers assessing global and particular patterns of forest transitions, together with issues of land-use displacement related to international trade.





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