



The Impact of Rural Out-Migration on Land Use Transition

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to our Special Issue ‘The Impact of Rural Out-Migration on Land Use Transition’. In rural areas, agricultural production activities in which local residents have long been engaged have created a mosaic of various land uses, providing rich biodiversity, multifunctionality and ecosystem services. The Japanese term “satoyama” is now widely used internationally as a term to represent secondary nature. However, in both developed and developing countries, the low profitability and the hard physical labor of agriculture, as well as the lack of job opportunities other than agriculture have caused a population out-flow, especially among young people, raising concerns about the sustainability of agriculture and the decline of its indirect roles and services. While rural out-migration and land use transition in rural areas have been studied widely, it is important to know the mechanisms between them for practical solutions.





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