The Governance of Land Use

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Message from the Guest Editors

How land is used is connected to some of the most important policy issues of our time: sustainable development, reducing territorial inequalities, economic development, and the rights of future generations, to name but a few. Given this, there is an urgency to ensure land is managed efficiently, equitably, and responsively. There is growing recognition that a wide range of policies shape how land is used and managed beyond that of land use and environmental planning. From fiscal and tax incentives to industry subsidies and infrastructure or transportation program design—a myriad of incentives and disincentives shape choices that play out across our land, often leading to perverse outcomes, such as a loss of agricultural land, high housing prices or costlier services. This call for papers urges authors to adopt a broad view on the governance of land use—to consider the range of policies across scales that shape how land is used and managed. We seek research contributions that demonstrate the incentives and disincentives that these policies and practices create and that propose stronger alignment to meet land management goals.

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