



Rural Land Management Interaction with Urbanization

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This Special Issue focuses on how recent urbanization processes modifies the organization and management of the land uses at integrated rural areas in peri-urban and intra-metropolitan areas at local, national, and global levels.

Recent rural dynamics are primarily characterized by three interrelated trends: economic diversification, deagrarianization, and depopulation; the first two of which common to all rural areas.

It is true that deagrarianization and the simultaneous shift towards a service economy in present-day rural economies and societies have not led to the disappearance of rural space but instead some rural areas are presenting extraordinary territorial and economic transformation. These comprise zones that fall between the countryside and the city where intensive rural urbanization or peri-urbanization processes are taking place.





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