



Economic, Social and Demographic Challenges of Rural Areas: Contributions From the Analysis of the Economic Activity Location and the Study of Depopulation

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Research on rural development has grown exponentially in recent decades, being one of the most notorious fields in regional science addressed by economists, geographers, demographers and even political scientists. At the same time, depopulation studies have undergone a similar evolution, this being a phenomenon with negative consequences not only in the economic sphere, but also in the social and political sphere, given its importance for the future and survival of the rural environment. In this sense, this Special Issue will explore the link between geography, demography and the economy as a key point in the search for solutions to the challenges faced by the rural world in the next few years. From a general perspective, this Special Issue is open to the presentation of theoretical and / or applied papers, with the goal of bringing together quality works on new forms for promoting rural development, industrialization and outsourcing of rural environments, effects of economic development on rural depopulation, and even institutional aspects that can affect the different dimensions of depopulation.





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