



Human–Animal Interactions and Sustainable Local Governance

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Message from the Guest Editors

There is limited academic research on the complexities of the intersection between research on human–animal relations and urban rural space, environmental sustainability and policy and finally governance and politics. Systematic theories, suitable methodologies and practical guidelines for capturing the administrative effects of encounters between people and animals and their consequences for sustainable local governance and policies are in their infancy. However, regulators and local authorities are already forced to cope with issues related to sustainability far beyond the ecological aspects that are reshaping the social, cultural and political fabric of the world. Regulators and local authorities must develop a spatial response to this new reality in which animals and wild animals enter and dwell in rural and urban spaces. Thus, this Special Issue invites the submission of original papers on observations that connect human–animal interactions and sustainable local governance. Its aim is to investigate sustainability and sustainable local governance from a less-explored viewpoint, i.e., human–animal interactions.





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