



Environmental Sustainability of Contemporary Land Use Change

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Land use changes during the last 3 centuries have dramatically increased, driven by population growth and technological evolution since the Industrial Revolution. Land use change does not occur evenly, and in some parts of the developed world, the process of natural land conversion has stopped or has even been reversed. Another obvious driver of land use change in recent decades has been increasing urbanization, with higher rates in developing countries, challenging sustainable development goals, from local to global scales.

Contributors from different fields are invited to submit their articles on topics including (but not limited to): patterns of land use/land cover changes at several spatial and temporal scales, drivers of land use changes, anticipated effects of climate change on croplands and rangelands, urban sprawl, and dynamics of rural/urban interface. Research should address current and projected environmental consequences of land use change, including possible depletion of ecosystem services (food and fiber supply, conservation of biodiversity, surface water regulation, soil protection, desertification mitigation, etc.).





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