



Sustainable Urbanization in Rural Regions

Guest Editors:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Torben Birch-Thomsen

Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen, Nørregade 10, 1165 København, Denmark

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jytte Agergaard

Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen, Nørregade 10, 1165 København, Denmark

Deadline for manuscript submissions:

closed (31 December 2020)

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Sustainable urbanization and urban growth have become issues of high importance on the international research and policy agendas (e.g., SDG 11). This Special Issue aims to document and explore how urbanization in rural regions ('rural urbanization') of Africa and Asia progress, and to examine how small urban centers can support sustainable development.

Papers could focus on one or more of the following topics:

(1) multilocal livelihood strategies and the role of urban migrants/sojourners; (2) rural transformations, where dynamics in agricultural economies are nurtured by the provision services in local towns; (3) small towns as places of attraction for aspiring urbanites and/or for households and individuals seeking access to services and security; and (4) small towns as locations for climate change adaptation of rural households affected by environmental unpredictability and hazards. These topics are not exclusive, though, and contributions might be either empirically or conceptually founded.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Torben Birch-Thomsen

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jytte Agergaard

Guest Editors





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Steve W. Lyon

School of Environment and
Natural Resources, Ohio State
University, Columbus, OH 43210,
USA

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

I encourage you to contribute a research or comprehensive review article for consideration for publication in *Sustainability*, an international open access journal which provides an advanced forum for research findings in areas related to sustainability and sustainable development. The journal publishes original research articles, reviews, conference proceedings (peer reviewed full articles) and communications. I am confident you will find the journal contributes to enhancing understanding of sustainability and fostering initiatives and applications of sustainability-based measures and activities.

Author Benefits

Open Access: free for readers, with [article processing charges \(APC\)](#) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility: indexed within [Scopus](#), [SCIE](#) and [SSCI \(Web of Science\)](#), [GEOBASE](#), [GeoRef](#), [Inspec](#), [RePEc](#), [CAPlus / SciFinder](#), and [other databases](#).

Journal Rank: JCR - Q2 (Environmental Studies) / CiteScore - Q1 (Geography, Planning and Development)

Contact Us

Sustainability Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/sustainability
sustainability@mdpi.com
[X@Sus_MDPI](#)