



Rural-Urban Relations and Sustainable Food Systems

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Whether the climate change, energy crisis, or economic downturn, we are aware that the food system will confront many challenges. The recent pandemic has shown the necessity to test novel approaches. This means its resilience must increase, while at the same time its capacity must be enhanced. The relation between the city and the countryside has also come to the fore, alongside multiple benefits that could potentially arise out of the enhancement of such relations. In this Special Issue, food systems are used as an organizing framework, as they represent the ideal locus to think of urban and rural as two closely interconnected dimensions. Looking at the ecological, social, economic, technical, and institutional components of the food systems and their interactions and outcomes, the “boundaries” between rural and urban become blurred. Our focus is on the sustainability-related aspects that relate the various components and outcomes of the food system to their rural–urban context. We invite papers presenting original research on this topic, to contribute to the identification of best practices and potential solutions to present and future challenges.





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