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# **Challenges in Global Health: Environmental Perspectives**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

The Special Issue will focus particularly on research into understanding such global health challenges which uses principles, concepts, and methods from geographic and spatial epidemiology. For example, health inequalities are spatially defined, related to area demography and to pure place effects (i.e. composition and context), and such spatial heterogeneity is an important consideration in planning effective healthcare. Differential exposure to environmental risks similarly implies spatially varying burdens and vulnerability.

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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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