



## Sustainable Land Use Policy

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Population growth and economic development today are increasing the pressure on ecosystems and leading to greater public concern about environmental challenges, thus heightening the demand for solutions to climate change, pollution and the protection of natural resources. Current land use policies must balance the needs of the population and economic considerations with environmental sustainability. These policies affect individual and collective wellbeing and aspects of rural and urban planning and decision-making, and they are a critical factor in meeting the goals of environmental sustainability, economic growth and social inclusion. Specifically, land use policies play an important role in climate change mitigation, sustainable land cover change, sustainable agriculture, sustainable forest management and protection of natural resources, pollution control, rural depopulation, respect for landowners' rights and traditions, public participation, and labour conditions. This Special Issue aims to disseminate conceptual and empirical research about sustainable land use management, and quantitative methods in sustainable land use decision making.





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