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Both the urban and rural developments need to cope with social, demographic, economic, governance, and environmental challenges. Cities are growing very quickly and the world's population are expected to be highly concentrated in urban areas, while the rural areas suffer from rural population and economy decline in the near future. It is obvious to see that the sustainability of our planet is in greater danger than ever before. The purpose of this Special Issue is to gather innovative research contributions aiming to achieve sustainable urban and rural development by applying relevant theories and modelling approaches. Contents may consider but not limited to analyzing the spatio-temporal characteristics of our urban and rural dynamics, revealing the factors that drive these changes, and projecting the future urban and rural futures.

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