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Message from the Guest Editors

The development of the real estate industry is a central element of urban development and is intricately connected to local and regional economies. Meanwhile, designing policies that address housing affordability challenges and improve housing conditions has increasingly become a crucial issue in urban governance globally.

Amidst the rapid advancement of digitalization and the utilization of AI technologies, the housing market and urban governance demand in-depth reflection and discussion to formulate constructive policies for urban planning and development. Furthermore, with the aging population on the rise and declining fertility rates, the housing market is undergoing a transformation unlike any seen in the past. This necessitates optimizing existing governance structures and enhancing innovation of housing market mechanisms and building management.

To address these concerns, this Special Issue on "Real Estate, Housing and Urban Governance" invites high-quality, cutting-edge articles. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Housing policy;
- Housing quality;
- Migration and social integration.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Current urban environments are home to multi-modal transit systems, extensive energy grids, a building stock, and integrated services. Sprawling neighborhoods are composed of buildings that accommodate living and working quarters. However, it is expected that the cities and communities of the future will face complex and enormous challenges, including maintenance, interconnectivity, resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability issues, to name but a few. A smart city uses advanced technologies and a digital infrastructure to improve the outcomes in every aspect of a city's operations. A smart building optimizes the experience of occupants, staff, and management by using a modern and connected environment. Innovations in technology that can bring dramatic improvements to design, planning, and policy are critical in developing the cities and buildings of the future.

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