



Sustainable Reuse of Historical Buildings

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The issue of underused or vacant historical buildings in contemporary cities is a massive phenomenon. To foster the sustainable valorisation of abandoned buildings and unused spaces in cities, the concepts of circular economy and adaptive reuse are crucial.

To adopt circular economy within the built environment means to consider mainly three aspects: preserving the natural capital, maximising resource yields and designing the management of buildings and facilities' obsolescence. Adaptive reuse is based upon the assumption that buildings, areas, districts, and sites are not static entities. Adaptive reuse is an approach that can be considered sustainable. This is because it consists of the practice of introducing new content in an existing site, paying particular attention to the needs of society, and following the principle of maximum conservation and minimum transformation.

This Special Issue aims to encourage works in both theoretical and applied fields dealing with different issues of sustainable reuse of historical buildings in the framework of circular economy and adaptive reuse concepts.





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