

Special Issue

Soundscape in Architecture and Urban Planning

Message from the Guest Editor

Sound is an important aspect of the quality of the urban outdoor environment. Soundscape research represents a relatively recent but important paradigm shift, which departs from the point of view that a fitting acoustic environment may have a positive effect on well-being of inhabitants and visitors. With the advent of new methods and techniques for auralization of outdoor spaces, and with virtual reality devices becoming widespread, research interest in the challenge of shaping the acoustic environment of urban public spaces has risen considerably. This Special Issue aims to collect original research papers on the use of the soundscape approach in architecture and urban planning. Both theoretical and application studies on the acoustic design of urban outdoor space are welcome, and an interdisciplinary approach is encouraged. Topics will cover all aspects of the use of sound in architecture and urban planning, including studies on auralization, urban sound quality, novel acoustic materials in architecture, or virtual reality in soundscape and urban acoustic design.

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