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Resilience and Social Value in the Built Environment: New Frontiers in Co-Production and Place-Based Adaptive Innovation

Message from the Guest Editors

The built environment is undergoing profound transformation in response to intersecting global challenges such as climate change, urbanisation, technological innovation, net zero targets, and decarbonisation. Addressing these challenges requires reimagining the built environment not only as technical infrastructure but also as a socio-cultural system. In this context, resilience and social value are re-emerging as critical dimensions, influencing how we design, deliver, manage, and inhabit buildings, infrastructure, and urban spaces. Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), there is an urgent need to embed these principles across all stages of the built environment lifecycle, with a strong focus on circular economy practices, the adaptive reuse of materials, and sustainable processes. This Special Issue invites theoretical, empirical, and practice-based contributions that interrogate how resilience, social value, and net zero ambitions can be operationalised through professional practice, policy frameworks, and built environment education.

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