

Special Issue

Back to the Future: Utopias, Dystopias, and the New Mega Structuralism of 2020s

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue entitled “Back to the Future: Utopias, Dystopias, and the New Mega Structuralism of 2020s” is an invitation to contribute critical reflections and pondered considerations on how a new wave of visionary projects which currently inform a relevant part of the debate on city making and future practice in architectural design and urban planning.

We call therefore for contributions that provide critical reflections, multidisciplinary considerations, and theoretical speculations on the themes of Utopias, Dystopias, and the New Mega Structuralism through different lenses—from compact cities to high-density architecture, and rapid urbanization, as well as the design of flexible architectural spaces and the adaptability of urban forms. We look for proposals focusing on the radical and sudden transformation of the natural environment, and the exploration of new forms of urbanization in alternative habitats like the sea (marine cities and floating urban platforms) through innovative eco-urban design approaches that rely on more sustainable and energy-efficient models of construction and design.

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