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Modern Architectural Heritage, Conservation, Restoration and Renovation

Message from the Guest Editors

Modern architectural heritage, conservation, restoration, and renovation are hot topics in today's architectural world. The protection of architectural heritage reflects people's understanding of the environment and historical culture, which is not only based on the sustainable protection of heritage but also on the diversity of culture and protection methods as well as technologies. The types of architectural heritage are rich and diverse, and the concepts, methods, and technologies of heritage protection are constantly changing and updated. This topic intends to collect and disseminate valuable scientific research on perspectives, methods, and techniques for the conservation of various types of architectural heritage. Multidisciplinary research and cross-technologies are encouraged, supported by a broad range of methodological and technical approaches (such as digital technology and artificial intelligence).

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