

Special Issue

Research on Promoting the Social Sustainability of Urban Neighbourhoods

Message from the Guest Editor

Creating sustainable cities means blending buildings and people in a balanced way. This Special Issue, "Promoting Social Sustainability in Urban Neighbourhoods," focuses on managing human aspects of sustainability in city areas. Considering the complexity and diversity of city environments, this Special Issue covers various topics. We are looking for contributions that look into how to assess and improve social sustainability in urban areas, both broadly and in detail. Topics include, but are not limited to: - Methods to assess urban neighbourhood sustainability. - Factors like the design of spaces, energy use, carbon emissions, culture, and climate change. - Community involvement, community management, and the role of different organizations in enhancing social sustainability. - Urban resilience: what it involves, how to measure it, factors affecting it, and how to improve it. We invite researchers, professionals, and policymakers to contribute their insights to this Special Issue.

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Current urban environments are home to multi-modal transit systems, extensive energy grids, a building stock, and integrated services. Sprawling neighborhoods are composed of buildings that accommodate living and working quarters. However, it is expected that the cities and communities of the future will face complex and enormous challenges, including maintenance, interconnectivity, resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability issues, to name but a few. A smart city uses advanced technologies and a digital infrastructure to improve the outcomes in every aspect of a city's operations. A smart building optimizes the experience of occupants, staff, and management by using a modern and connected environment. Innovations in technology that can bring dramatic improvements to design, planning, and policy are critical in developing the cities and buildings of the future.

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