

Special Issue

Research on Health, Wellbeing, and Urban Design—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Urbanization is rapidly transforming our world, with over half of the global population now residing in cities—a number expected to reach 70% by 2050. Investments in health-based urban planning create enduring legacies for human wellbeing and, by designing cities prioritizing health, we ensure better living conditions for current and future generations. The topics may cover, but are not limited to the below topics:

- Holistic Assessment of Urban Health and Wellbeing
- Green Building Practices
- Smart Cities and Urban Technology

Topics of Interest

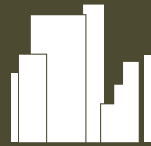
- Urban ecological infrastructure optimization;
- Spatial spillover effects in water management;
- Village homestead improvement potential;
- Rural housing governance and sustainability;
- Urban polycentricity and carbon performance;
- Resilience and sustainability in healthy cities;
- Green building market dynamics;
- Integrating health and well-being in urban design;
- Digital technology for rural security transformation;
- Historic and cultural district revitalization;
- Holistic assessment of urban health and well-being in smart cities;
- Historic districts;
- Urban health;
- Smart cities.

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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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