

Special Issue

People-Centered Livability: Reconciling Subjective Well-Being with Urban and Rural Spatial Structures

Message from the Guest Editors

In rapid urbanization, the spatial structure of urban and rural areas has profoundly restructured. However, the synergy between physical space optimization and residents' subjective well-being enhancement remains lacking. This Special Issue, centered on "people-oriented livability," focuses on the interactive mechanisms between urban-rural spatial structure and subjective well-being. It addresses the need to transform human settlement development from "scale expansion" to "quality improvement" in the new era.

The Special Issue aims to create a cross-disciplinary platform to explore coupling pathways among spatial design, policy formulation, and resident perceptions, offering theoretical support and practical paradigms for building urban-rural environments that are "liveable, workable, tourist-friendly, and age-friendly."

We cordially invite scholars from architecture, urban and rural planning, landscape architecture, environmental psychology, sociology, and geography to submit original research. Perspectives such as spatial justice, the creation of place spirit, and smart governance are encouraged to collectively advance a paradigm shift in the "human-space-happiness" relationship.

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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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