

Special Issue

Research towards a Sustainable Built Environment

Message from the Guest Editor

It is my pleasure to invite you to this Special Issue, titled “Research towards a Sustainable Built Environment”. Sustainability is not an abstract concept anymore, but a necessity for our societies to ensure growth and prosperity in the future. It has a lot of aspects, all of which need to be addressed in this direction. With a world population expected to exceed 8 billion within 2022, it is clear that the built environment will play a significant role in people’s living standards and societies’ potential for future development. This Special Issue is a unique opportunity to bring together research works from different fields presenting advancements and technologies, which can be used to achieve a more sustainable built environment. To this end, works from a wide range of scientific areas are invited, including but not limited to: Structural resilience

Structural optimization

Multihazard design

Retrofit of structures

Cost and material minimization

Recyclability and deconstruction

New and high-performance materials, etc.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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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