

# Special Issue

## Urban Housing and Real Estate in Transition

### Message from the Guest Editors

Urban real estate and housing systems are restructuring amid financialization, demographic shifts, climate adaptation, and technological innovation. These transformations reshape governance and power relations, leading to varied socio-spatial outcomes. This Special Issue explores how political-economic forces, policies, and built environments collectively shape urban development and living experiences. We seek interdisciplinary perspectives on housing as a contested terrain. Particularly welcome is research on stakeholder interactions, policy impacts, and lived experience within evolving urban contexts. Priority themes include:

- Real estate financialization and housing affordability dynamics
- Political economy of urban development and housing policy
- Built environment impacts on health, well-being, and social equity
- Stakeholder interactions in urban planning and development processes
- Climate adaptation strategies and their socio-economic implications
- Migration, demographic change, and urban housing market responses
- Technological innovation in urban governance and real estate practices
- Comparative analysis of urban development models and policy transfer

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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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