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Environmental Quality and Human Well-Being: Pathways Linking Green Spaces, Built Environments, and Mental Health

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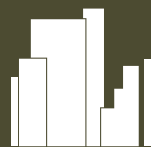
This Special Issue “Optimizing Living Environments for Mental Health” will focus on the relationship between the living environment and human mental health, outline new methods for measuring environmental and psychological indicators, and propose environmental optimization strategies for promoting mental health. We hope to promote interdisciplinary dialogue between architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture, social sciences, and computer science. The objective of this Special Issue is to solicit high-standard literature reviews, original theory, experimental work, case studies, and comprehensive review papers. Relevant topics to this Special Issue include but are not limited to the following subjects: 1) The relationship and influence path between living environments and mental health; 2) Environmental strategies that promote mental health; 3) Mental health assessment of living environments; 4) The relationship between built environment characteristics, human perception, behavioral activities and mental health.

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