Special Issue

Sustainable Urban Development and Real Estate Analysis

Message from the Guest Editors

This issue aims to synthesize research on innovative theories, approaches, or practices related to sustainable urban development and real estate analysis. The urban environment has long been a key factor in achieving sustainability objectives through reducing the carbon emissions of buildings and promoting the more efficient and fair use of space and place. However, there is considerable ambiguity around sustainability in urban development, with regular tension between environmental and financial sustainability. This tension has been intensified recently with uncertainty surrounding the long-term viability of large sections of the built environment, for example, in the face of increasing numbers of people working from home and electing to purchase products from the internet. In turn, this has led to questions regarding the configuration and future use of existing buildings and how those invested in this situation can consider it from the point of view of investment profiling, valuation, property management, leasing, and development appraisal. Original theoretical and experimental work, case studies, and comprehensive review papers are invited to examine the situation further.

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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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