

Special Issue

Advanced Studies in Urban and Regional Planning—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues, We are delighted to invite you to contribute to a Special Issue on "Advanced Studies on Urban and Regional Planning" in *Buildings*. The processes of urbanization and regional development have become increasingly complex and multifaceted. This Special Issue aims to encompass a wide range of topics related to urban and regional planning, providing a platform for researchers and practitioners to share their insights and expertise. We welcome submissions that cover, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Smart and sustainable cities
- Urban governance and policy
- Transportation and mobility
- Land use and urban design
- Climate change and resilience
- Housing and affordable living
- Cultural heritage and conservation
- Sustainable infrastructure and energy
- Participatory planning and community engagement

Authors are encouraged to submit original research contributions that align with the aims and scope of this Special Issue. Manuscripts should adhere to the journal's formatting guidelines and will undergo a thorough peer review process to ensure the highest academic standards. We look forward to your valuable contributions. Sincerely,

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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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