

## Special Issue

# Growth, Maintenance, and Function of Urban Trees

### Message from the Guest Editors

Urban trees serve as critical biological mediators within complex socio-ecological systems, playing an irreplaceable role in enhancing ecological resilience, mitigating climate change, advancing carbon neutrality, and improving human well-being. However, challenges such as accelerated urbanization, an increasing frequency of extreme climatic events, environmental pollution, and competition for land resources significantly constrain urban trees' growth vitality, maintenance efficiency, and multifunctional performance. This Special Issue will showcase multidisciplinary research on innovative technologies, data-driven strategies, and inclusive management frameworks to integrate urban tree science into climate-resilient urban planning, public health policies, and global sustainable development agendas. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Tree growth and adaptability;
- Tree maintenance and health management;
- Ecosystem services;
- Social benefits and equity;
- Perceptions of cultural values;
- Intelligent monitoring and digitalized management;
- Policy integration and governance strategies.

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