

## Special Issue

# Urban Built Environment and Mental Health

### Message from the Guest Editors

The burden of mental disorders continues to grow (WHO, 2019) and may be increasing as a result of the pandemic. No single definition of mental disorder or health is widely accepted. WHO (2011) defines mental health as “a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community.” Studies have shown that the urban built environment (UBE) could have direct and indirect effects on mental health (MH). It is a general belief that MH can be promoted by creating a UBE that supports MH. This Special Issue aims to publish research about the UBE and MH with the ultimate goal of improving and promoting MH. We welcome a wide range of topics that address questions related to UBE and MH. Topics may include definitions and measurements of UBE and MH; design or modification of the UBE to improve MH; and methodologies or statistical models to study relationships between UBE and MH.

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