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The study of urban morphology has a long tradition and a notable multidisciplinary and cross-cutting character since the beginning of the 20th century. For more than a century, the main thematic axes have been the analysis of urban forms and the processes and the urbanizing agents that have shaped them. More recently, the need to insist on the analysis of the nature of urbanization processes and of current urban models (compact urban versus urban sprawl) in relation to the sustainable development of cities and the territory in general has been added.

Therefore, current research on urban morphology focuses more on the study of the impact of urban form on people's lives and their environment. This discussion has highlighted the key role of urban morphology and brought the principles of sustainable urbanism and the discussion around spatial indicators towards healthy and sustainable cities back to the spotlight. Calls to link urban morphology with big data under the smart city paradigm also continue to provide valuable insights into the liveability of cities in different scales with various indicators guiding decisions towards the promotion of healthy and sustainable cities.



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