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Rethinking Land Value: The Interplay of Real Estate and Urban Governance

Message from the Guest Editors

Understanding land value is essential to comprehending how governance frameworks allocate opportunities and risks, how cities change over time, and how real estate markets function.

Through the integration of viewpoints from real estate economics, urban governance, and professional practice, this Special Issue seeks to rethink and redefine the concept of land value. Traditional methods of valuation place a strong emphasis on economic factors, but modern issues like digital transformation, governance reform, and sustainability transitions call for a more comprehensive, multidisciplinary viewpoint. The role of land value in shaping tax bases—particularly in the context of ongoing transitions between area-based and ad valorem models—further highlights the need for robust and transparent valuation logic that can underpin fiscally sustainable systems.

The Special Issue looks at how institutional actors, valuation technologies, and market mechanisms—especially estate agents and valuers—interact within governance and policy frameworks to influence how land value is created, perceived, and distributed.

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