

Special Issue

Cultural Heritage Preservation as a Basis for Sustainable Development and Transformation of Historic Urban Landscapes (Second Edition)

Message from the Guest Editors

Cultural heritage and cultural landscapes are a popular topic of research. Preservation and development are often presented as two poles that need to be balanced. Starting with a systemic understanding of heritage that includes objects, landscapes, subjects, processes, values, etc., and views heritage as a system and process, this Special Issue will explore how heritage can contribute, stimulate, facilitate, and accompany urban development, as well as transformation projects and processes. The aim of this Special Issue is to explore the potential of cultural heritage and cultural landscapes as dynamic and integrative resources for sustainable urban development, resilience, and transformation. Moving beyond the traditional dichotomy of preservation and development, we adopt a systemic and process-oriented perspective that understands heritage as an evolving framework encompassing objects, landscapes, communities, values, practices, and meanings. We do not view heritage as a constraint, but rather as an active driver and catalyst for sustainable development, inclusive growth, and adaptive urban transformation.

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