

Special Issue

Sacred Spaces: Designing for the Transcendental

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue invites researchers, architects, landscape architects, artists, students and scholars to consider the experience of sacred spaces, historical or contemporary. Designers are especially welcome to share insights in the process behind the design of sacred spaces they were a part of. Submissions may consider phenomenological and hermeneutical approaches as well as analysis utilizing methodological lenses to address the experience of sacred spaces, and are encouraged to include visual materials. Reflections and analysis of sacred spaces from all of the world's faiths are welcome as well as multi-faith spaces and non-religious contemplative and meditative spaces. Key areas of focus may include (but are not limited to):

- Analysis of historical spaces/landscapes framing sacred/transcendental experiences;
- Analysis of contemporary spaces/landscapes framing sacred/transcendental experiences;
- Analysis/reflection on the relationship of liturgy/ritual to space;
- Analysis/reflection on the design and/or construction process of a sacred space;

..... If you are interested, please submit an abstract of 300–500 words to by April 30, 2021.

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