



Sustainability and Resilience: Challenges and Opportunities in Seismic Risk Prevention, Mitigation and Adaptation—2nd Edition

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Message from the Guest Editors

The challenge of humanity against the forces of nature is a longstanding issue. Remarkable research has been carried out towards the analysis and the prevention of seismic risk. However, nowadays, complex and highly organised societies, where human, social, political, and environmental dimensions are strongly interconnected and constantly evolving, pose new fascinating challenges for research and development. The focus in seismic risk prevention is no longer only on safeguarding human life, but also on guaranteeing undamaged or low-damaged infrastructures and buildings, to preserve their contents and service functionality, and on empowering communities to become resilient by promoting their awareness and capacities. This in the aim of continuing living and working in the aftermath of a severe seismic event, and guaranteeing a resilient recovery after a catastrophic event by resuming timely pre-disaster conditions and by promoting an improved new-normal, where changes imposed by the disaster are turned into opportunities for positive changes.

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