



## Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Future Urban and Spatial Planning

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The recent pandemic that has been affecting the entire global community has already altered several dimensions of our urban life. Even if spatial planning has not been considered among the most critical spheres during the COVID-19 emergency, urban planners should become key players for guiding the future of our cities, by redefining old practices and assumptions, capitalizing innovative approaches developed during the emergency by stabilizing them in the long term, and proposing innovative methods and tools.

This Special Issue intends to investigate several dimensions of urban and spatial planning and policies that could be significantly affected by a concrete change following the outbreak. Particular attention should be dedicated to urban mobility and how to make this COVID-19 recovery phase a game-changer for planning, implementing, and financing more sustainable urban transport systems and solutions, instead of returning to and amplifying the old habits of using individual, motorized transport solutions that pollute and congest urban spaces.

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