



Medium Sized Cities and Their Urban Areas: Challenges and Opportunities in the New Urban Agenda

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According to World Urbanization Prospects: The 2018 Revision of the UN Population Division, there are only 1595 cities in the world with more than 300,000 inhabitants, which house 56% of the world urban population. However, most academic research and analyses by international institutions have focused on the world's largest urban and metropolitan areas. This rather restrictive approach largely ignores and underestimates the huge diversity of urban phenomena. This Special Issue will focus on medium-sized cities and their capacity to organize external urban areas, which spatially express the tremendous urban diversity within each territorial context. This Special Issue seeks to collect comparative studies of groups of medium-sized cities, conducted at the regional, national, and continental scales in developed countries. The aim of this Special Issue is to identify relatively recent dynamics and the most sustainable processes of change and urban strategies, thereby confronting the challenges presented by the new urban agenda of the 21st century.





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