



Reviving Shrinking Cities for Being More Sustainable, Just and Resilient—Prospects and Challenges for Urban Transformation, Policymaking and Planning

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Dear colleagues,

We invite you to submit a paper on the subject of shrinking cities and how we can use urban planning to revive these areas into sustainable places where social, economic, spatial and environmental balance is attained. Shrinking cities—cities that have experienced population loss, economic downturn, employment decline and social problems as symptoms of a structural crisis—are faced with diverse challenges and require significant efforts to evade urban decline and maintain quality of life. Shrinking cities are faced with possibilities to reinvent themselves in terms of sustainability through innovative urban planning considering the hardware, software and even mindware of shrinking cities. Sustainable urban planning for shrinking cities is thus faced with varied and complex challenges.

This Special Issue is intended to stimulate a discussion on how urban policymaking, planning and transdisciplinary research can impact the revival of shrinking cities, with particular focus on sustainability, justice and resilience.





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