



Social Innovation and Participatory Governance? Exploring Their Relationship in the Context of Urban Sustainability and Climate Adaptation

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The governance of urban sustainable development and climate adaptation has become an important challenge for decision-makers and researchers. In this regard, participatory governance is considered a key aspect for strengthening democratic engagement and legitimatizing governmental action.

This Special Issue aims to reflect on the different notions of “participatory governance” in different social and cultural contexts, which modes of participatory governance exist, and in how far they carry transformative potential for different types of change. Therefore, the Special Issue aims to explore to what extent participatory governance can trigger the development of social innovation in times of crisis—such as (but not limited to) climate change. We would like to encourage researchers to discuss theoretical and empirical results in the field of urban climate adaptation and/or sustainability in large and smaller cities as well as townships.

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