



Sustainable by Design: Towards a New Paradigm for the Built Environment

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In recent decades, the term sustainable design, in the built environment sector, has been associated mainly with the reduction of energy consumption. New trends, however, address a more human-centric approach, where sustainability is considered as the sum of not only energy-efficient design, but also the design of well-being and healthy spaces, resilient structures and methods, adaptability to climate change, minimal resource usage, as well as social, cultural, and economic issues embedded in building and urban design, such as circular economy and sustainable office culture that altogether form a new holistic paradigm for sustainability. This Special Issue focuses on these aspects that promote integrated approaches on sustainable design in the built environment by showcasing original research, comprehensive literature reviews, tools, solutions, best practices, models, projects, and case studies on sustainable design for buildings and cities.





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