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# Soundscapes, Tranquillity and Urban Wellbeing: Towards Sustainable and Equitable Acoustic Environments

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Cities are increasingly defined not only by their physical and social infrastructure but also by their sensory environments. Within this context, soundscapes have emerged as a vital dimension of urban sustainability, mental health and quality of life. This Special Issue invites contributions that explore the nexus between urban acoustic environments, perceived tranquillity and wellbeing, with a focus on approaches that also address questions of environmental equity and justice. We seek interdisciplinary submissions from environmental psychology, urban geography, spatial planning, acoustic ecology and geospatial science that examine how urban soundscapes influence individual and community wellbeing. Studies engaging with under-represented or noise-exposed communities are particularly welcome, as are those examining disparities in access to quiet, restorative environments.

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