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Sustainable Urban Planning: In Search for Alternatives

Message from the Guest Editor

Urban Planning is crucial in advancing sustainable urban development, yet existing conventions are still leading to uneven and problematic plans in many locations. While progressive discourses highlight urban diversity, inclusion, democracy and green infrastructure, actual plans prioritize economic growth, and advance ad-hoc entrepreneurial projects that often compromise part, or all of these goals. Meanwhile, cities' futures and their capacity to accommodate diverse citizens are threatened by growing environmental risks, rising housing prices, and deepening inequalities. The goal of this special issue is to imagine such visions. We aim to conceive possible links between environmental and social solutions, and to provide new ideas for sustainable planning and architecture. Ideas will critically address previous visions, and relate to knowledge and ethics, democratic planning procedures, scales of intervention and participation, spatial plans and socio-spatial implications.

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