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Sustainable Planning and Design of Urban Underground Space for Smart Cities

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The pursuit of smart, livable, and sustainable cities calls for new perspectives on how urban systems are organized across spatial, functional, and technological dimensions. Traditional surface infrastructure is increasingly constrained by land scarcity, environmental pressures, and spatial conflicts, prompting the search for integrated and innovative alternatives. Emerging systems, including underground logistics systems, electric vehicles, and urban air mobility technologies, are gaining attention as promising approaches for enhancing resilience, efficiency, and sustainability in complex urban environments. This Special Issue welcomes contributions that examine how emerging infrastructures and technologies are embedded within future urban contexts. We invite studies engaging with technologies, planning, policy frameworks, and social dimensions to address the challenges of building inclusive, adaptive, and intelligent urban environments.

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