

Special Issue

Spatial Planning and the Latest Challenges of Sustainable Urbanization

Message from the Guest Editors

Whether we look at the environment, society or the economy, it is now clear that all these areas are closely linked, interconnected and interdependent and that building a sustainable future depends on our ability to best balance resources (social, economic, and environmental) in order to build a development model that puts people at the center while respecting the environment in which they live and which they will leave to their descendants. In this context, cities play a key role since they are both the subject and the object of current development processes. As the subject, they are the drivers of local and national economies and thus major players in changing development processes into a system of interdependencies between the economy, society and the environment. As objects, cities are the places where populations and economic activities are, and will increasingly be, concentrated, and on which development policies are focused. With this perspective in mind, this Special Issue encourages the scientific community to explore and reflect on the outcomes and opportunities of this multifaceted scenario.

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