

Special Issue

Adaptive Reuse Processes: Bridging the Gap between Memory and New Values

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We are pleased to announce the launch of a new Special Issue on the exploration of new values generated by buildings and urban adaptive reuse. Adaptive reuse is defined as “a process that changes a disused or ineffective item into a new item that can be used for a different purpose” (Department of Environment and Heritage, 2004). Through our recent experiences in urban redevelopment, it has emerged that the traditional forms no longer work, which means that we need to rethink and reinvent the existing urban renewal processes. In several cities, the number of underused or vacant buildings is increasing at an alarming rate, which has a negative impact on the urban context under several dimensions. More generally, adaptive reuse is a multi-dimensional problem that requires the inclusion of stakeholders’ opinion aided by decision support systems. In this perspective, abandoned buildings and places can be considered as opportunities to establish new functions aiming to trigger economic, environmental, and social regeneration...

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