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Innovative Pathways to Sustainable Urban Development and the Green Economy

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Rapid urbanization poses challenges to creating sustainable, resilient, and inclusive cities. The transition towards sustainable urban development and green economy is an urgent need that promises the simultaneous attainment of environmental, social, and economic objectives. Sustainable urban development and green economy are interconnected concepts aimed at promoting environmentally responsible, socially inclusive, and economically viable urban growth. This Special Issue aims to explore cutting-edge research, practical approaches, and policy frameworks that advance sustainable urban development coupled with a transition to a green economy. Contributions will help shape the future of sustainable urbanization and provide actionable insights for policymakers, urban planners, researchers, and practitioners committed to fostering greener, more resilient urban environments. Focus Areas: Urban planning and design for sustainability; Green infrastructure and eco-districts; Renewable energy and smart city technologies, etc.

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