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In the era of AI and innovation, urbanization presents a myriad of challenges that intersect with economic geography, regional development, and climate policy. Rapid urbanization often leads to unplanned expansion and inefficient land use, resulting in urban sprawl that strains infrastructure and increases commuting times. Moreover, this growth can exacerbate existing inequalities within cities, as marginalized communities face limited access to affordable housing, services, and job opportunities. Transportation congestion further compounds these challenges, contributing to air pollution and a reduced quality of life for urban residents. Housing affordability becomes a pressing issue, with soaring prices leading to shortages and homelessness. Environmental degradation is another consequence. Addressing these challenges requires integrated approaches that prioritize sustainability and resilience in urban planning and governance strategies. This Special Issue aims to explore how economic geography, regional development, and sustainability intersect in today's rapidly evolving world.

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