

Special Issue

Putting Sustainability Transitions into Spatial and Socio-Cultural Context

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue sheds light on the role of the spatial and socio-cultural context in sustainability transitions in cities and city-regions. We position that transition pathways towards sustainability will look fundamentally different in different socio, cultural, and spatial settings across cities and regions, but also within cities. The urban environment, as a diverse socio-cultural and political context, provides the ground to shape innovations, to give rise to new forms of social organization and new cultural and political movements for sustainability in practice. As such, challenges, opportunities, change dynamics, political agendas, grassroots actions, power constellations, actors and many other aspects that are relevant for a sustainability transition differ in large, medium and small cities, as well as in villages and rural areas. We recognize this diversity and want to further examine how it plays out in creating different forms of urban transitions and pathways to urban sustainability.

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