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Governing Urban and Regional Transformations through Sustainability

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Years of practice and experiments in urban and regional governance guided by sustainability principles have been crucial to enlarging the options and possibilities for imagining and implementing policies and projects to effectively contrast the current socio-ecological crisis.

New forms of governance, such as adaptive or based on coproduction, have enriched the well-established framework of action and emphasized the need to construct a productive bond between sustainability and governance through social innovation or new institutional design. Climate change, with its focus on adaptation and resilience, has enlarged the spectrum of thoughts and actions required to cope with this specific issue. Nevertheless, several forms of criticism have accompanied the implementation and evolution of these different theories and practices of governance, problematizing their efficacy in activating effective processes of urban and regional sustainability.

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