

Special Issue

Sustainable Buildings in Sustainable Cities: A Reciprocal Relation

Message from the Guest Editor

In this issue, we focus on the relation between buildings and the city with respect to sustainability, and suggest that the city is more than the collection of its buildings. This does not refer only to parts of the city that may remain vague or hidden from this perspective, such as the infrastructure that connects buildings to each other or the utilities that ensure their satisfactory performance. For sustainability, this relation entails a better understanding of how the performance of each building contributes to the sustainability of the city. There are many physical and conceptual structures underlying the relation between building and city that remain relatively underexplored, including the role of building codes and planning regulations. The main contribution of this issue, therefore, is not to propose easy solutions based on questionable hypotheses but to analyze the existing situation and probable development of cities towards a better understanding of how buildings and cities relate to each other, and of the possibilities and limitations that must be either respected or adapted in order to make more positive steps in the direction of a sustainable future.

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