

Special Issue

Cultural, Legal and Political Dimensions of Public Norms in Sustainable Metropolitan Spaces

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues, In the current stage of urbanisation, major cities and decentralised urban spaces are converging in wide city-regions on a metropolitan scale. To guide this fragile and largely unordered process of urbanisation toward coherent metropolitan spaces with sustainable 'qualities of place' would require the establishment of social and ecological (climate-proof) conditions to social and economic relationships. A sustainable metropolitan transition depends on the vital interaction between public norms and purposive strategies of action. The added value is in directing the reflection of the public to dilemmas of justifying—a 'normative judgment'—in addition to, and in interaction, with the 'practical judgment' of purposive action strategies. This Special Issue is subdivided into three parts, addressing, respectively, the cultural norms, the political norms and the legal norms of sustainable metropolitan transition.

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