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Urban Form, Sustainability and Resilience

Message from the Guest Editors

A central idea to urban sustainability is the assessment of the current and future paths of the development of the city. These paths have to be viable in the long run through an attentive use of resources while producing human livability. It is understood that paths of development can at least be outlined, if not precisely predicted. The notion of resilience is more recent and accounts for the recognition of the uncertainty along the trajectory of change that the urban system undergoes during its evolution. Resilience is precisely the capacity of the city to adapt and even, at least in some degree, transform in the face of external or internal challenges without losing some key structure and functions that make it a livable place. The aim of this Special Issue is to investigate different facets of urban form resilience and its relationships with sustainable development.

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