

Special Issue

Pathways to Urban Sustainability and Natural Hazards Management

Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, urban areas have shown very high growth. At present, more than 50% of the world's population lives in urban areas, and this percentage will increase to about 70% by 2050. This rise will cause continued urban sprawl and development. On the other hand, urban growth has been associated with negative impacts in the environment, such as increased energy use, pollution, traffic congestion, overconsumption of natural resources, biodiversity loss, and a decline in community cohesiveness. Moreover, urban sprawl can increase natural hazard occurrences and the impact of natural disasters worldwide. The scope of this Special Issue is to present scientific pathways leading to urban sustainability and natural hazard management. Addressing and resolving environmental challenges as well as proper natural hazard management in urban areas are very important to ensure the good quality of life of citizens. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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