

# Special Issue

## Planning for Urban Sustainability Transitions

### Message from the Guest Editors

Sustainable urban transformations focus on structural transition processes that foster sustainable urban development as well as (radical) economic, social, organizational, governmental and physical change processes. This Special Issue places emphasis on the interfaces and boundaries of strategic spatial planning and sustainable transitions by 'connecting' transition theories, urban planning theories, governance approaches, urban planning policy styles and innovative examples from practice. In so doing, the aim is to engage planners and scholars from other spatial disciplines to critically explore strategies and approaches aimed at creating sustainable cities and neighbourhoods for the future. By making use of contemporary challenges (e.g., climate change, floods, pandemics, economic crises, migration and social conflicts) as drivers for sustainable urban development, we invite authors to submit articles showcasing how innovative ideas and experiments emerge, how and why they contribute to sustainable urban transitions, and how difficult it is to implement them in practice in the long term.

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