

Special Issue

City and Ageing: A Challenge for Urban Planning

Message from the Guest Editors

The proportion of people aged 65 and over is rising rapidly worldwide due to increasing life expectancy and falling birth rates. In the context of urban growth, this means that a larger share of the population will need environments tailored to their needs, which requires taking specific actions to guarantee older people's physical access to housing and public spaces. In this context, cities with high percentages of elderly populations or neighborhoods with many older residents face the challenge of transforming their physical, social, environmental, and economic systems to ensure quality of life, inclusion, and sustainability. Therefore, urban planning must create city spaces that are welcoming to all people, as this promotes their personal and social development. Such development is essential for achieving independence and social participation while preventing exclusion. The Special Issue aims to bring together multidisciplinary contributions, both theoretical and practical, that explore how urban planning is responding to the challenge of population ageing and the promotion of cities and communities adapted to older people.

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