

Special Issue

Urban Competitiveness and Territorial Attractiveness in the World Urban System

Message from the Guest Editors

We welcome contributions that analyze how urban competitiveness is constructed through: (i) *Physical mobility, accessibility, and the strategic use of transport infrastructure*. Cities' physical connections, such as transport networks, road and rail accessibility, and airports, are key drivers of competitiveness. The focus here will be on accessibility, mobility, intercity connectivity, and how cities use infrastructure to attract investment and people. (ii) *Activation of symbolic capital via urban branding, tourism, cultural and sporting events, creative economies, and smart city strategies*. This sub-theme explores how cities leverage urban branding, tourism, cultural festivals, and sporting events to enhance their global positioning. (iii) *Governance and Paradiplomacy in Urban Strategic Development*. This sub-theme will explore how cities leverage governance and paradiplomacy to enhance their global competitiveness. (iv) *Urban Hierarchies and International City Networks: Indicators of Global Competitiveness*. This sub-theme will analyze the functional hierarchies within the global urban system and the role of international city networks in urban competitiveness.

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