

## Special Issue

# Policy Innovation and Integrated Governance for Sustainable Urban Water Management

### Message from the Guest Editors

With accelerating urbanization and climate change, urban water-resource systems face rising challenges: supply–demand imbalances, pollution, aquatic ecosystem degradation, and fragmented governance. Efficient water use, ecological protection, and integrated governance are essential for sustainable urban development. Many countries are advancing policy and institutional reforms, which are becoming integral to urban water management. These developments highlight the need for in-depth research on theory, practice, and performance evaluation. This Special Issue gathers research on policy innovation and integrated governance in urban water management. It welcomes interdisciplinary studies combining institutional design, governance mechanisms, and technological approaches to promote efficient, secure, and resilient urban water systems. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Institutional innovations, governance frameworks, and water-allocation efficiency
- Watershed, river-basin, and cross-regional/transboundary policies
- Integration of digital tools in governance
- Public participation, social accountability, and climate-response policies

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