

Special Issue

Development of Alternative Water Sources in the Urban Sector

Message from the Guest Editor

Population growth and urbanisation lead to ever-increasing pressure on potable water sources. Climate change amplifies this stress. Centralised approaches to urban water infrastructure have been the prevalent practice worldwide for many decades. The advantages of this centralised approach are lately being questioned, while interest in alternative water sources is increasing. Transition to a distributed or a combined centralised-distributed approach where alternative water sources play a significant role, is envisaged to enhance water security, lower energy demand, lower maintenance costs, lead to co-management of the various facets of the urban water cycle, enhance sustainability, and encourage local community engagement.

The proposed Special Issue intends to assemble contributions on alternative water sources that may include, amongst others, harvested rainwater or stormwater, greywater and municipal wastewater. We seek contributions that analyse various alternative water sources systems especially ones that puts them in the context of the urban water cycle.

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