



Sharing Cities Shaping Cities

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The sharing economy and collaborative consumption are attracting a great deal of interest due to their business, legal and civic implications. The consequences of the spreading of sharing-based practices in urban environments and under daily dynamics are underexplored.

This Special Issue aims to address if and how sharing shapes cities, the way that spaces are designed and lived in if social interactions are escalated, and the ways that habits and routines take place in post-individualistic society.

In particular, the following key questions are of primary interest:

- Urban fabric: How is 'sharing' shaping cities? Does it represent a paradigm shift with tangible effects on the city? How are shared mobility, work, inhabiting, and food provisions reconfiguring the urban fabric?
- Social practices: Are new lifestyles and practices related to sharing changing the use and design of spaces? To what extent is sharing triggering a production and consumption paradigm shift to be reflected in urban arrangements and infrastructures?
- Sustainability: Does sharing increase the intensity of use of space and assets, or, rather, does it increase them to meet the expectations of convenience for urban lifestyles? To what extent are these phenomena fostering more sustainable cities?
- Policy: How can policy makers and municipalities interact with bottom-up phenomena and grassroots innovation to create more sustainable cities?

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