

Special Issue

The Quality of Urban Areas: New Measuring Tools and Methods, Impact on Quality of Life and Costs of Bad Design

Message from the Guest Editors

The aim of this Special Edition is to bring together in one place the most recent methods and tools for assessing the quality of an urban space, which will help to measure the impact of built environment on the quality of life in a city and, eventually, to estimate the costs of poorly designed and managed cities. We have therefore identified three broad areas for an integrated approach to sustainable urban development:

- Technological—how to study and measure the quality of urban space;
- Social—what is the impact of urban space on the quality of inhabitants' life;
- Economic—what are the costs incurred by the residents/local governments due to poorly designed urban space.

We invite researchers involved in spatial planning, urban planning, geodesy, GIS, revitalization, environmental protection, landscape architecture, economics, spatial management, law, and all other related fields to participate in our research. The Special Issue focuses on papers that propose innovative techniques to assess the quality of urban areas, as well as interesting applications and well-prepared review articles.

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