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## Heritage under Threat. Endangered Monuments and Heritage Sites

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Monuments and heritage sites worldwide are constantly being affected by environmental and other types of factors that bring about the deterioration of materials, structures and landscapes. Other acute threats are considered more impactful and require immediate action, including floods and fire, hurricanes and cyclones, earthquakes and landslides. Climate change is today considered to be the main driving force accelerating previously existing threats, as well as introducing new ones. However, there are also anthropological threats, ranging from urban sprawl to neglect, from irresponsible interventions to downright vandalism and mere ignorance. In addition, we need to acknowledge the collateral and sometimes deliberate destruction of heritage during war.

The aim of this Special Issue is therefore to put a spotlight on the numerous risks and threats that our built heritage is being faced with. This Special Issue also wishes to highlight possible adaptation and mitigation measures to deal with these threats, as well as indirect consequences to the intangible, including livelihoods and wellbeing.



