



Greener Cities and Healthier Lives in the Asia Pacific

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

By 2050, Asia will be home to half the world's urban population. Cities can serve as engines of growth, innovation, poverty amelioration and advances in population health and wellbeing. However, their rapid socioeconomically-uneven expansion outwards and upwards can also perpetuate and redistribute social and health inequities, increase disadvantage and harm the environment in multiple ways. Urban green spaces, which are often threatened by rapid urbanisation, are widely viewed as having a range of health benefits for city dwellers. This Special Issue is concerned with enhancing understandings of the effects, positive and negative, of urban green space on health and wellbeing in Asia-Pacific cities. Theoretical and empirical contributions focussing on any stage of the lifecourse, from birth through to the senior years, are welcome. We encourage a range of paper types including case studies and field experiments through to epidemiological studies and spatial investigations.

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