



Impact of Physical Environments on Occupant Comfort

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Message from the Guest Editors

The physical environments of built spaces of high quality are closely related to occupant comfort and well-being.....The purpose is to discuss the relationship between the built environment and occupant comfort/well-being/health from the perspective of physical environmental quality. Both theoretical and methodological studies are encouraged.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Current urban environments are home to multi-modal transit systems, extensive energy grids, a building stock, and integrated services. Sprawling neighborhoods are composed of buildings that accommodate living and working quarters. However, it is expected that the cities and communities of the future will face complex and enormous challenges, including maintenance, interconnectivity, resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability issues, to name but a few. A smart city uses advanced technologies and a digital infrastructure to improve the outcomes in every aspect of a city's operations. A smart building optimizes the experience of occupants, staff, and management by using a modern and connected environment. Innovations in technology that can bring dramatic improvements to design, planning, and policy are critical in developing the cities and buildings of the future.

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