



Trends in Real Estate Economics and Livability

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Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue reports on emerging trends in real estate economics and urban livability research. This will help to address the pressing challenges presented by megacities and livability issues. It is a well-known fact that major global megacities suffer from reduced livability due to high housing costs, housing inequality, and residential land scarcity. In contrast, some small and medium-sized cities are experiencing urban shrinkage due to migration, housing vacancy, and depressed real estate markets. Therefore, promoting healthy and sustainable real estate market development is required to improve urban livability.

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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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