



Sustainable Cities: The Role of Urban Gardening

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Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of sustainability and a sustainable city has been over-simplified. This has led to policymakers focusing mostly on the multi-functional dimensions of sustainability without considering their complementary and sometimes conflicting interactions. The role of urban agriculture in building sustainable cities is undeniable. However, the nature of agriculture in cities should be informed by the unique characteristics of the particular city. Urban gardening is a multifaceted issue with many often contradictory visions and interests involved. Urban agents (gardeners, citizens, technicians, managers, politicians, businessmen, etc.) have singular visions of urban gardens, in some cases similar, but in other cases, contradictory. This Special Issue seeks, in particular, to provide information on these contradictions. Of particular interest are articles that focus on:

- Different perspectives on urban gardens as tools for social development;
- Different visions of the spatial policy of urban gardening;
- Local examples of the impact of urban gardens on the sustainability of cities;
- Economic conflicts of urban gardens.





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