



Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites in Transition

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The crisis due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic has expanded discussions on cultural transitions and economic recessions. This Special Issue aims to provide reflections on the management of historic cities and world heritage sites in the post-crisis phase, particularly when mass tourists, and consequently their economic benefits, did not exist for a period. However, the temporary stagnation of the tourism sector seems to be inevitable for cultural heritage destinations dealing with a crisis, such as the post-COVID-19 era. Such events can disrupt the socio-economic dynamics at tourist destinations and pose a severe threat to the sustainability of world heritage sites. The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the fragile condition of cultural heritage sites to economic recessions, necessitating reflections on cultural heritage policies that boost the sustainability of historic cities in the post-crisis era. Potential areas of focus may include, but are not limited to, the sustainability of world heritage sites in the post-COVID-19 era, armed conflict in historic towns, and rehabilitation of cultural heritage sites suffering from natural disasters.





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