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Social Capital, Infrastructural Capital and Resilience Capacity in Urban Systems

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This Special Issue aims to publish a collection of analytical and original contributions on the sustainability of urban systems from the perspective of community sense (social capital), connectivity/accessibility (infrastructure social overhead capital), and the potential for recovery after a disruption (resilience capacity). Consequently, the focus will be on the fluctuations in and the evolution of cities or urban agglomerations. Social capital refers here to the cohesion or bonds among residents or groups of residents (including neighborhoods in cities), which together make up a social network that is able to better absorb shocks or uncertainties, while accessibility pertains to the physical connectivity and efficient mobility in urban areas through which infrastructure users can reach destinations with the lowest distance, friction, or shock costs possible. While applied studies are welcome, much emphasis will be placed on evidence-based, analytical studies, particularly with a view to the time-varying trajectory or socioeconomic development of urban areas that are characterized by shocks or fluctuations (both natural and man-made).









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