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Designing Spaces and Services in Contemporary Cities

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Cities are complex organisms but also laboratories for understanding how we inhabit spaces. Over the years, our public spaces lost their original function as the place of political and social life - virtual space and social media have replaced physical spaces and face-to-face social exchanges.

On the other hand, the COVID-19 situation demonstrated the importance of social interaction for physical and mental health, exposing the human need to experience outdoor spaces in the metropolis and in small and remote places. In the latter, which already suffered from various infrastructural scarcities due to relative geographical isolation and the absence of a robust economic base, the pandemic made their territories even more fragile.

This special issue brings together ideas and research to contribute to planning a sustainable future with quality of life for our small and remote places.

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