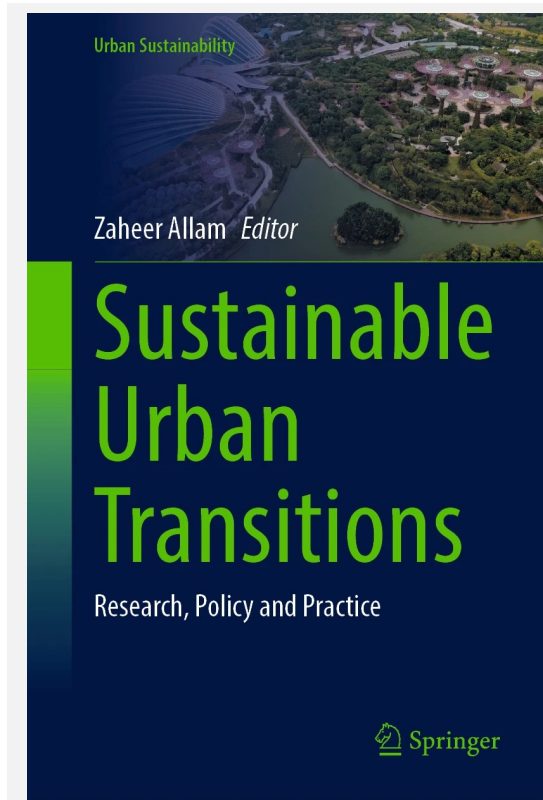


Book Review



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As cities, once millennia-old, undergo rapid and unprecedented transformations, the need for sustainable, resilient, and culturally enriching environments emerges as paramount. In this context, Urban Sustainability book series by Springer assumes its role as an inter-disciplinary platform covering all four areas of practice, policy, education, research, and their nexus.

The editor-in-chief of the series which currently consists of 12 book titles, is Ali Cheshmehzangi, a well-known figure in the field of urban sustainability, and “Sustainable Urban Transitions” is the most recent book in this series, which is briefly explored in this review, edited by another prolific researcher in this field; Zaheer Allam.

The compilation features a selection of 24 chapters organized into 4 sections. In the initial segment titled ‘Sustainable Urban Futures,’ delve into the realms of One Planet Living, the advantages of utilizing public transportation, and the strategic application of social media to promote sustainability ideals. In the second section, titled ‘Mapping Contemporary Urban Challenges,’ the concentration shifts towards the scrutiny of case studies enriched by empirical evaluations and conceptual frameworks. Within this section, while two chapters explore educational contexts, a compelling thematic spotlight

centers on climate-related matters, particularly wetlands and water management. Notably, this focus extends to cities like Izmir, Jakarta, Amsterdam, and Shanghai. These urban landscapes serve as pertinent case studies, shedding light on the intricacies of water management within diverse environments. This thematic exploration underscores the critical importance of sustainable urban practices and resilience strategies amid evolving environmental concerns.

The third section, aptly named ‘Policy Advances in Urban Sustainability,’ delves into expansive inquiries, shedding light on the intricate mechanisms underlying urban transitions, particularly through a governance-oriented lens. In this exploration, the section serves as a showcase for diverse case studies that exemplify the dynamic interaction between policies and urban transformation including urban mobility, urban livability and smart cities.

Among the contemporary areas of focus within the third section, an intriguing subject of exploration pertains to temporal dimensions. The discussions traverse an array of time-related topics, notably encompassing time geography, the 15-minute city concept, the vibrant realm of urban nightlife, and the emergence of 24/7 cities.

The concluding segment, 'Forecasting Urban Solutions,' underscores urban revitalization and regeneration. It articulates diverse conduits of transformation, nature-based interventions and post-pandemic housings, spiced up with a glimpse into artificial intelligence and net-zero buildings.

Zaheer Allam has successfully orchestrated this series as a scholarly conductor, by carefully selecting authors to contribute to the discourse on transformative urban paradigms.