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Preface

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The issue focuses on philosophies and designs that shape our cities on a broader scale; exploring different approaches between architecture, built environment, and nature; from material to medicinal plants, from plant scale to urban and social sciences. The issue examines the natural and built environment in Istanbul through the relationship between urban planning, urban space, architecture, and landscape architecture. It focuses on designs made in different parts of Istanbul between natural areas and built areas in the city.

The urban landscape is an effective and important design process that includes the interaction of architecture, city planning, and landscape architecture disciplines and creates the living environment of people within and between buildings. It has a complementary and important effect in the process of providing and maintaining the physical, physiological, psychological, and social needs of its users. It covers structural design and furniture location selection and design as well as planting. The special issue on Urban Landscape covers this concept; It has a content setup that starts from the upper scale and shrinks towards the building scale.

The first article includes the planning and design of a medicinal plants garden, which is used in the design of healing gardens, which assumes the function of a landscape area in increasing the herbal landscape areas in the urban environment, in the nature and design approach, which is gaining importance today.

The second article covers the examinations made on the selected shopping centers in Istanbul of the checklist created to ensure the sustainability of planting and structural design issues in building environments.

The third article aims to determine the spatial characteristics of the design of marketplaces around urban spaces. The fourth article, using the Urban Space Syntax method, investigated the relationships between pedestrian activities and land use at the scale of Kadıköy Square in Istanbul. The fifth article tried to analyze the user moving behaviors around the square as a continuation of pedestrian movements.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth articles include urban furniture design complementary to urban landscape design. The sixth article deals with the criteria of urban furniture design in historical places, the example of Hagia Sophia - Sultan Ahmed Square. The seventh article considers the relationship between water element design and user preferences, of five important square users in Istanbul. The eighth and last article examines parklet planning and design, which has a very limited sample in Turkey.

Considering the methods and results of all articles, increasing the quality of urban landscape environments and ensuring their sustainability for the future constitute the content of this special issue.