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The three issues of the 2024 volume of TeMA Journal propose articles that deal the effects of global warming, the ageing of population, the reduction of energy consumption from fossil fuels, the immigration flows from disadvantaged regions, the technological innovation and the optimization of land use.

In this issue, the section "Focus" contains two contributions. The first article, "Land use changes of coastal wetlands using remote sensing. Study of Muthurajawela & Anawilundawa wetlands, Sri Lanka" by Harsha Dias Dahanayake, DDGL Dahanayaka, Paul Hudson and Deepthi Wickramasinghe (University of Colombo in Sri Lanka and University of York in United Kingdom), delves into the spatiotemporal examination employing Geographical Information System and Remote Sensing techniques to contrast alterations in land usage between an urban locale (Muthurajawela) and a peri-urban area (Anawilundawa) encompassing wetlands and adjacent buffer zones in Sri Lanka. Notably, the configuration of water bodies, dense vegetation, other greenery, human settlements, and open spaces has undergone significant shifts from 2000 to 2021. However, the transformations are notably more pronounced within the urban wetland setting.

The second article of the section, "Gender analysis of urban mobility behaviours in the Tunisian Sahel region" by Mehdi El kébir and Aymen Ghédira (University of Sousse in Tunisia), proposes a focus on gender mobility behaviour in a poorly investigated region of the world. The authors surveyed over 2,000 people in the Tunisian Sahel to understand everyday travel habits. Unlike traditional studies that treat women as a homogenous group, this research focuses on income levels when analyzing women's travel patterns, highlighting significant differences based on gender, exacerbated by financial status. Moreover, this contribution sheds light on an interesting topic for a region of the global south, which is not usually investigated as other parts of the world. The section "LUME" (Land Use, Mobility and Environment) contains five articles. The first, "Towards the Spanish Local Urban Agenda. The evolution of urban regeneration in Spain (2014-2022)" by Federico Camerin, Lucas Álvarez-Del-Valle, Ana Díez-Bermejo and Ivan Rodríguez-Suárez (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid in Spain), aims to examine the difference in the tools adopted in the Spanish urban policies between the two last EU programming cycles (2014–2020 and 2021–2027). The paper aims to examine the relationship between Integrated European Sustainable Urban Development Strategies and the Spanish Urban Agenda.

The second contribution is "Sustainable development and proximity city. The environmental role of new public spaces", by Antonio Bocca (University Gabriele D'Annunzio in Italy). The article addresses the

potential synergy of the 15-minute city approach to the environmental role of new public spaces. In particular, the paper employs the qualitative review method to examine the literature and obtain extensive information on how the ecological transition is interpreted in the design of public spaces and regenerative processes in the built environment highlight the priority role of public space in the sustainable development of the city. There are two main sections in the article: the first focuses on global challenges and the planning of resilient cities; the second deals with theoretical and application aspects of the concept of proximity about ecological transition (Portland and Barcelona).

The third article, "Spatial attractiveness towards industrial placement: a parametric index based on spatial-economic territorial exposure metrics" by Diego Altafini and Valerio Cutini (University of Pisa in Italy and Cardiff University in United Kingdom), showcases spatial models tailored to address the differences in Spatial Attractiveness based on spatial and economic territorial exposure indexes to unveil the territorial imbalances' spatial logics. The paper describes the steps for the construction and application at Tuscany Region of the Spatial Attractiveness Index (SAi), a parametric, unweighted general linear model that comprises the partial indices of Spatial and Economic Territorial Exposure Indexes.

The fourth article of section, "Planning the transition of cities. Innovative research approaches and trajectories" by Francesca Moraci, Carmelina Bevilacqua, and Pasquale Pizzimenti (Università degli Studi Mediterranea in Italy and University of Roma La Sapienza in Italy), focused on the nexus between Ecosystem Services and Key Enabling Technologies as a potential and significant element for the future development of promising research trajectories in urban planning. In light of the ecological, digital, and just transition envisaged by the EU for reaching the ambitious Green Deal objective by 2050 and its inherent complexity, the transition of cities has become a top priority in academic and policy debates, attracting increasing attention from scholars and policymakers.

The last article of the section, "The cost of shopping: measuring virtual and physical access for obtaining goods" by Jing Chen, Mengying Cui and David Levinson (Nanjing Audit University in China; Chang'an University in China and University of Sydney in Australia), aims to distinguish between physical and virtual shopping accesses and delineate their real-world implications. The authors propose a comprehensive understanding analysis of the disparities in accessibility between digital and brick-and-mortar shopping experiences. Physical and virtual access are studied for the case study of Wuhan City to understand their spatial distribution patterns and to differentiate them for these two commerce forms.

The Review Notes section proposes four insights on the themes of the TeMA Journal. The Urban planning practice section of Review Notes, "New trends in energy transition policies: citizens' involvement in the European energy market", by Valerio Martinelli, examines the role of the European Union in promoting energy transition through citizens' participation. With the Clean European Packages the European Union aims to achieve leadership in renewable energy sources, guaranteeing fair conditions of accessibility to the energy market for citizens and integrating energy and climate policy objectives. The introduction of energy communities makes it possible to realize the objectives defined by the European Directives towards not only environmental but also economic and social sustainability. The second section, "Strategies and instruments for active mobility: comparison of international experiences", by Annunziata D'Amico, aims to present an overview of strategies and tools that promote active mobility, identifying best practices in cities around the world. It highlights that in order to achieve sustainable and low-emission urban mobility, which also encourages active mobility choices, a multi-level approach is needed that involves the collaboration and long-term commitment of governments, local authorities, organisations and citizens. The third contribution, "Global warming or global warning? A review of urban practices for climate change adaptation in Europe", by Stella Pennino, provides an overview of the challenges that global warming poses and the risks in terms of climate change that it generates for territories and cities. This note provides an overview of the challenges that global warming poses and the risks in terms of climate change that it generates for territories and cities. The challenges that adaptation to climate change commonly faces are outlined, and a brief review of European case studies is carried out. The results of the review are discussed highlighting some key

threads of climate adaptation practices and three significant examples of climate change adaptation in urban areas are reported, within a perspective of integration and sharing of know-how on the topic. Finally, the fourth section, "Exploring approaches and solutions for urban safety: a focus on women", by Tonia Stiuso, reviews agreements and strategies developed internationally to address this issue, including CEDAW, the Istanbul Convention, the European Urban Charter, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Urban Agenda and the European Forum for Urban Safety. Various good practices and resources are then presented, including apps, reports, projects, books and studies. Overall, the article provides a comprehensive overview of the challenges and solutions related to women's safety in urban areas.

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