



Shrinking cities and sustainability

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A large number of cities in the world, including many in Europe, and America and Asia, face urban shrinkage due to industrial restructuring and population decline. Most studies on shrinking cities focus on the analysis of the phenomena, developing solution to revitalize the shrinking situation, through acceptance of shrinkage and proposing vacant land utilization and so on. More recently, a number of studies applied the concept of sustainable urban development to consider strategies for shrinking cities. Although "shrinkage" and "sustainability" may seem to be contradictory at first, compatibility may be possible depending on the definition of "sustainability". Recent studies on shrinking cities are developing the concept of sustainable urban development in shrinking cities by including the concept of triple bottom line and intergenerational equity on resource consumption. This special session is the annual session of the "Shrinking Cities Research Network (SCiRN)", therefore the session welcomes all member of SCiRN and researchers who conduct related research to deepen the discussion on sustainable urban development in shrinking cities.