

Change is a constant

Climate changes, demographic changes, changes in legislation – we hear and read about them almost every day, and we simply take them for granted. But there are also other changes, including those of a more personal nature, which may also be referred to as life changes. Everyone responds to them in his or her own way and, depending on the circumstances, we either get used to them or resist them. True, changes influence us, but we can also influence them – as individuals and as part of the community in order to create a better world for all.

A changing climate, an aging population, and ongoing urban growth are parallel processes that inspired the research on the urban heat island effect on people's health in Rotterdam, presented in the first article of this latest issue of *Urbani izziv*. This is followed by an article on the opposing approaches of the French urban planning policy for promoting the development of social housing, which is based on ensuring the right to housing for everyone and achieving social diversity in neighbourhoods. The third article compares the transformation of deprived urban areas in Barcelona and Seoul, focusing on the social aspects of this process. The fourth article discusses the meaning and general understanding of the terms *public good*, *common-pool resources*, and *the commons*, using the case of Slovenia to highlight the importance of proper governance and preservation of subtractable natural resources. This issue is rounded off by a review of a book on Jože Plečnik's students that worked in Le Corbusier's studio in Paris. The work describes their lives and the achievements they contributed to modern Slovenian architecture and urban planning by broadening their horizons.

I wish you pleasant reading.

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