
EDITORIAL

In 2018, Richard Register put forward the eco-city concept in *Ecocity Builders* defining it as "a human settlement modeled on the self-sustaining resilient structure and function of natural ecosystems". Eco-cities are commonly considered ecologically healthy. Our *Eco Cities* (EC) is an open-access journal, which provides a forum for studies in the field of urban ecology and sustainability.

Under the background that the world is facing environmental pollution brought by the industrial revolution, green policies were proposed by different countries. Policies, regulations and related laws play a big role in the construction of an eco-city. Yan Zhao lab compared two green cities of China and France under different policy guidance. Prof. Jaime Alfredo Alarcón Zambrano from San Gregorio de Portoviejo located in Ecuador and Dr. José Albert Márquez from Córdoba located in Spain analyzed the current relationship between urban law and sustainable city with a special case of Ecuador.

In the first issue of *Eco Cities*, we collected some articles about eco-city research under the policies and laws of different countries.

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