

Sustainability and Peace: “Urban Health from the Environmental Dimension”

In the second part of studying sustainability and peace, we present three primary aspects representing urban health from the environmental dimension.

The first aspect is focused on the overarching ideas of a well-functioning government, specifically for achieving peaceful living environments. This is also one of the main pillars of positive peace. In Chap. 6, we particularly explore some of the key features that define governance’s role in maintaining peace and sustainability in cities and communities. The second aspect is closely linked with Chap. 5 of the book on critical infrastructures. Instead, we focus more on essential systems and operations under the

environment dimension than the actual (physical) infrastructures. However, the two are closely linked as they are complementary to each other. These aspects will be highlighted in Chap. 7, through which we aim to reflect on some of the city’s essential systems. The third aspect is focused on resource efficiency and distribution, which is partly related to one of the positive peace pillars. Here, we highlight the diversity of “resources”, focusing more on healthy environments and resourceful societies. This important aspect is presented in Chap. 8, highlighting the role of resource efficiency and distribution in achieving urban health, sustainability, and peace.