As cities and societies have become more ethnically diverse, urban segregation has increasingly become a focus of attention for the general public, the media, policy-makers and academics across the world. However, there has been little research which takes account of the built environment as a contributory factor in the process of migration and socio-economic stratification, in the formation of ethnic minority settlement patterns, and in fostering social integration. This issue of Built Environment aims to fill that gap, bringing together a range of empirically founded perspectives from a multitude of disciplines on how residential segregation patterns are realized in space and how, in turn, the spatial environment influences these patterns.

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