



## Blockchain in Construction and the Built Environment

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Blockchain, more formally known as Distributed Ledger Technology, is already changing the way transactions take place in sectors that range from finance to music and entertainment. There is a real and recognised potential for Blockchain to support and complement the increasing digital transformation of the construction industry and wider built environment. However, its adoption is not straightforward and is likely to disrupt many recognised ways of working and traditional business models. The aim of this Special Issue is to explore, through theoretical and empirically-based contributions, Blockchain's potential for construction and the built environment; the barriers to its adoption; and its likely impact.

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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Current urban environments are home to multi-modal transit systems, extensive energy grids, a building stock, and integrated services. Sprawling neighborhoods are composed of buildings that accommodate living and working quarters. However, it is expected that the cities and communities of the future will face complex and enormous challenges, including maintenance, interconnectivity, resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainability issues, to name but a few. A smart city uses advanced technologies and a digital infrastructure to improve the outcomes in every aspect of a city's operations. A smart building optimizes the experience of occupants, staff, and management by using a modern and connected environment. Innovations in technology that can bring dramatic improvements to design, planning, and policy are critical in developing the cities and buildings of the future.

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