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Entropy and Information in Networks, from Societies to Cities

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Message from the Guest Editors

From physics to the social sciences, information is now seen as a key component of reality. In particular, information in social networks and in urban environments is expected to have an increasing function. As we deal with information encoded in and decoded from the environment in order to make daily decisions and take part in complex interaction systems, cities might play a role in the social system's ability to keep itself in certain entropy states (Netto et al, 2018). In short, aspects of environmental information might affect coordination in interaction systems.

As related subjects, entropy and information are now of interest to social theorists, urban theorists, physicists, and cognitive geographers alike and require reliable methods of analysis. We invite contributions to this Special Issue, which is devoted to the use of entropy and information in understanding different aspects of society, its environment and their future development.









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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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