Human Mobility, Spatiotemporal Context, and Environmental Health: Recent Advances in Approaches and Methods

Message from the Guest Editor

Environmental health researchers have long recognized the importance of geographic context for understanding the effects of different environmental factors on human health. While geographic context and neighborhood effects are fundamental constructs for assessing people’s exposure to contextual or environmental influences, they still tend to be conceptualized largely in static spatial terms, which ignores that people move around in their daily lives and come under the influence of many different neighborhood contexts outside their residential neighborhoods. This Special Issue aims to showcase studies that use new approaches, methods, and data to examine the role of various forms of human mobility, non-residential contexts, and the temporality of exposures on human health behaviors and outcomes. Studies that illustrate the use of these new methods and data to address questions concerning a wide range of health behaviors and outcomes are welcome.
Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Discovery and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a scientific basis for decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards. *IJERPH* provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality, peer-reviewed, open access journal.

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