

Special Issue

Landscapes for Human-Oriented Smart Cities

Message from the Guest Editors

Cities are being reshaped by rapid urbanization, ecological stress, and digital transformation. In recent years, smart-city development has attracted growing attention, supported by advances in geospatial technologies, sensing systems, artificial intelligence, and data-driven urban management. These developments have created new opportunities for monitoring urban processes, improving public services, and informing planning decisions. As cities become increasingly organized through information systems, algorithms, and machine-generated data, how can urban development continue to place human values at its center?

The aim of this Special Issue is to collect original research and review papers that critically examine how landscape perspectives, land use planning, and spatially informed technologies can contribute to the development of human-oriented smart cities without reducing urban life to a purely technocratic project. The Special Issue is interested in contributions that explore how planning, design, and governance can reconnect smart urban development with human well-being, everyday life, ecological processes, place identity, and social values.

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