

Special Issue

Evaluating Urban Public Spaces Based on User-Generated Geographic Data

Message from the Guest Editors

Urban planners emphasize that well-designed public spaces serve as vital components of urban ecosystems, fostering social interaction, physical activity, and counteracting urban sprawl and density. To ensure sustainability, these spaces must meet basic functional needs while demonstrating adaptability to local environmental and socio-economic conditions. Systematic assessment of public spaces becomes crucial for optimizing existing areas and planning new ones, particularly during urban regeneration initiatives. The goal of this Special Issue is to collect papers to provide insights into how similar assessment activities can benefit from geographic information directly generated by the users of public spaces. This information is characterised by being highly dynamic in terms of spatial and temporal extent, as it is generated by different mobile devices and social media platforms, which provide location information, the activities, and preferences of people using the sites. We welcome manuscripts focusing on methods and techniques, including interdisciplinary ones, which support the assessment of urban public spaces based on user-generated geographic data.

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