Special Issue

Business Model Innovation in Smart Cities

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will explore innovative business models that can accelerate smart city development and adoption. The focus will be on new revenue models, partnerships, policy incentives and financing mechanisms that can support financially and operationally sustainable smart city solutions. Both technology-centric models such as sensors-as-a-service and human-centric models such as crowd-sourced citizen engagement platforms will be examined.

The scope encompasses smart city business model innovation globally, with a particular emphasis on case studies from Asia, South America, the Middle East and Africa. Contributions that analyze real-world examples of business model innovation in diverse geographic, cultural and regulatory contexts are encouraged.

The purpose is twofold: first, it is to advance theoretical knowledge about business model innovation for smart city solutions, taking an interdisciplinary approach spanning technology, entrepreneurship, public policy, and urban planning; and second, to provide practical insights to help policymakers, entrepreneurs and city leaders successfully design, implement and scale financially sustainable smart city business models.

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As urban environments continue to evolve, Smart Cities serves as a key platform for sharing innovative research that addresses the complexities of modern urban life. Our journal provides a space for interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge exchange on the latest advancements in smart city technologies and practices. We prioritize research that not only pushes the boundaries of scientific understanding but also has practical implications for improving urban living, sustainability, and governance.

We welcome contributions from diverse fields that bring fresh perspectives to urban challenges, from smart infrastructure and IoT integration to data-driven decision-making and sustainable development. Through a combination of rigorous peer-review and rapid publication, we aim to disseminate impactful research that fosters the development of smarter, more resilient cities.

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