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# Smart Governance and Policy

### Message from the Collection Editors

The digital revolution has transformed how governments in smart cities operate and interact with their citizens. Implementing smart governance is challenging due to bureaucratic inertia, a resistance to change, and the demands for new competencies and resources. Therefore, a thorough investigation of the evolution of organizational structures, leadership dynamics, fiscal management, human resource management, and measurement and evaluation frameworks is crucial to deepen our understanding. This Special Issue highlights the development of theoretical frameworks and relevant case studies in smart governance and policy capacity building. This Special Issue seeks to present analytical, descriptive, and explanatory research that broadens the strategic and operational practices for smart governance development. It aims to bridge the existing knowledge and practice gaps in the multidisciplinary area of smart cities, focusing on policy initiatives, case studies, empirical research, and new perspectives that apply innovative and sustainable strategies for advancing smart cities across national, comparative, and international contexts.

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