Special Issue

Digital Encounters with Built Heritage

Message from the Guest Editor

Nowdays we have a multitude of technologies to overcome the traditional static, cryptic, or lengthy textual descriptions, usually with some illustrative drawings. On the other hand, information boards do not attract the digital native generations. With AR and VR technologies, earlier state and hidden details can be seen, and former life and atmosphere can be evoked. In smart towns, the prevailing ICT facilities and data access may add another dimension, compiling separate applications and services into a "built heritage exploration" layer. We seek articles addressing the above issues, in two categories:

- Theoretical papers related to potential benefits and shortcomings of certain technologies and smart city environments for built heritage awareness, discussing the issue of the real and digitally reconstructed fictional, bridging the gap between the present and the past.
- Case studies discussing novel applications of digital technologies for encounters with built heritage, preferably with evaluation.

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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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