Special Issue

Revisiting the Smart City Concept

Message from the Guest Editors

Historically, as the concept of Smart Cities unfolded and gained traction globally, ICT corporations pushed for the adoption of off-the-shelf solutions. While this was initially seen as innovative, off-the-shelf solutions are no longer accepted as they often overlook the basic tenets of the Smart Cities concept. In reality, most off-the-shelf solutions fail to acknowledge issues like the decision-making processes of different cities, their regulatory landscapes and the basic problems and challenges that need to be solved across jurisdictions and communities. As a result, ICT corporations are accused of shifting attention from the big and important questions of the Smart Cities concept and its implementation to minute issues with little impact on cities but the ability to increase profit margins. As such, we welcome submissions that revisit, critique, challenge, and contribute to the Smart Cities concept, with the aim of highlighting new and different viewpoints that re-align efforts by ICT corporations to deliver better and more cohesive and inclusive Smart City solutions.

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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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