

Special Issue

Digital Innovation and Transformation for Smart Cities

Message from the Guest Editors

The rapid evolution of digital technologies has revealed significant opportunities for advancing smart cities. The smart cities movement strategically employs cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions to enhance the quality of life, cultivate interconnected environments, and create data-driven analytical platforms. In the digital age, the success and impact of smart city initiatives and frameworks rely on the pillars of innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity, seamlessly transforming societies.

This Special Issue aims to bring together critical research and practical insights on various aspects of digital innovation and transformation in smart cities, with a focus on improving smart city environments in terms of infrastructure and technological aspects, sustaining inclusive smart city cultures and evidence-based platforms while addressing challenges and fostering citizen participation. Various types of research such as analytical, descriptive, explanatory, case studies, and best practices are encouraged to explore the opportunities and challenges of transforming societies to make them smarter.

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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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