Special Issue

Sustainability and Inclusivity in the Smart City

Message from the Guest Editor

A rapid adoption of the smart city concept is leading to an increasing consumer market for "smart" solutions, which often, through intelligent marketing campaigns by large ICT companies, are geared mainly towards profit making. The advent of big data and the investment from large corporations into artificial intelligence has also enforced a monopoly in various sectors. This disruption in market dynamics leads to unsustainable policies that lack contextualisation, and eventually mould "smart" urban fabrics geared towards technological outputs, disregarding their rich cultural heritage, identities, and human sensibilities. Multi-disciplinary approaches towards smart cities, aimed at rendering more cohesive and inclusive urban fabrics, are welcomed. The Special Issue calls for theoretical, empirical, critical, and thought-provoking submissions in the form of (1) full length articles and (2) shorter manuscripts (maximum 3000 words) through short communications and perspectives.

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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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