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Sustainability of Smart City Solutions: Impacts on People, Planet and Prosperity

Message from the Guest Editors

Our cities and societies are facing massive challenges such as climate change, population growth, and social division. The question is: how we can turn these global challenges into opportunities that result in sustainable impacts for people, the planet, and businesses? Applied research and technology can offer the means to solve these challenges while creating sustainable growth opportunities for businesses and wellbeing for all people. In order to address the present shortcomings, we invite research articles, conceptual papers, perspectives, case studies, and methodology papers that provide evidence of the (positive or negative) effects of smart city solutions. We welcome studies from a wide range of disciplines and particularly encourage submissions that approach the topic comprehensively and from multiple angles (e.g., the application of holistic methods such as system dynamics, life cycle assessment, evaluation frameworks and tools, multi-criteria decision analysis, etc.).

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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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