

Special Issue

Sustainability, Resilience and Inclusivity through the ‘15-Minute City’ Concept

Message from the Guest Editors

An emerging urban concept which advocates for the use of technology for sustainability, resilience, and place identity is that of the “15-minute city”. The concept, riding on proximity-based planning ideals, encourages urban neighborhoods to accommodate an optimal density with access to basic essential services within a 15-min walking or cycling distance. The concept envisions that residents will thus be able to experience a higher quality of life, as they will be required to travel less to access basic facilities such as public spaces, with increased time and opportunities to interact with other members of the community and accomplish other social functions, which are increasingly important but which have been lacking as a core function of contemporary urban planning models. This Issue welcomes contributions that explore the concept of the “15-minute city” across the intersecting themes of urban theory, smart cities and urban sustainability, and relating to urban concepts of hyper-proximity, topophilia, chrono-urbanism, and further calls for contributions that dwell into proximity-based planning ideals within urban technological milieus.

Guest Editors

Prof. Dr. Carlos Moreno

Prof. Dr. Didier Chabaud

Dr. Florent Pratlong

Dr. Zaheer Allam

Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (31 March 2022)



Smart Cities

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 5.5
CiteScore 14.7



mdpi.com/si/86048

Smart Cities
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
cities@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
smartcities](https://mdpi.com/journal/smartcities)





Smart Cities

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 5.5
CiteScore 14.7



[mdpi.com/journal/
smartcities](https://mdpi.com/journal/smartcities)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Pierluigi Siano
Department of Management and Innovation Systems, University of
Salerno, 84084 Salerno, Italy

Author Benefits

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), Inspec, AGRIS, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Urban Studies) / CiteScore - Q1 (Urban Studies)

Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 25.2 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 3.9 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2025).