

Special Issue

Current Trends and Future Prospects on Smart and Sustainable Cities

Message from the Guest Editors

Some planetary boundaries have been crossed, making it urgent to act on climate change and biodiversity, among others. We are at a crossroads where imagining a desirable and possible future is necessary. Acting on sustainable cities and communities falls under the 11th UN SDG and responds to the growing challenge of urbanization worldwide. In this Special Issue, we invite multidisciplinary contributions on current trends and perspectives in ecosystems, innovations, models and (possibly replicable) good practices in smart cities and territories that improve the environment, the economy, and social wellbeing. Advances in simulation methods and data analysis, forecasting techniques, scenario planning, future design, and complex system models are also particularly welcome as long as they can participate to improve critical thinking and decision making on cities' and territories' resilience and sustainable development.

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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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