Special Issue

Urban Level Smart Energy System

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue calls for the submission of contributions focusing on smart energy communities with relation to the following topics:

- understanding the ethical dilemmas and the development of theoretical frameworks on the risks and ethical challenges deriving from the transformations currently underway;
- identification of the various challenges of an ethical nature which present themselves in the transformation to intelligent energy systems;
- impacts on the density of urban population concentration and related health challenges in the aftermath of Covid pandemic;
- strategic solutions regarding the management of intelligent systems and smart energy communities at organizational and systemic level;
- accounting and governance systems for intelligent systems and smart energy communities:
- technological innovation and co-production methods of public services in intelligent systems and smart energy communities;
- accountability, reporting and sustainability;
- analysis, financing and evaluation of the effectiveness of public investments.

Theoretical and empirical contributions, as well as qualitative and quantitative methods, will be equally appreciated.

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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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