



Valuing Cultural Capital in the Smart Cities Era

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The future of our contemporary world is urban, with the majority of the world's population currently concentrated in urban areas. The upwardly urbanization trend witnessed by both developed and developing countries, coupled with the remarkable progress of smart technologies and social media is changing the landscape of urban management and cities' policymaking. Cities are facing new, unprecedented challenges and whilst becoming "smart" thanks to the current technological advances, they still have to deal with their built legacy in a sustainable manner. The urban context, with its opportunities and contradictions, is the place where the battle for a sustainable conservation of heritage needs to be won in the first place.

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