# **Special Issue**

# Advances in Urban Planning and the Digitalization of City Management

# Message from the Guest Editors

- Modern urban planning makes use of digital technologies to the extent where it is impossible to separate the two. Data-driven approaches to planning are now the order of the day. Digital twins and smart cities are no longer simple concepts, but realities and well-defined standards. Recently, artificial intelligence has been applied in many fields, including urban planning. The question that remains unanswered, and is addressed by the current issue, is whether a city can be managed under current settings, and what challenges are facing those managing the city or planning for it in the new digital world. Additional questions are whether urban management can make use of or benefit from new technologies, and how? Since we are witnessing a new reality, we are also seeking for prospects related to the dynamics of new trends and to determine, overall, how to plan for a city in the digital age.
- This Special Issue aims to collect answers to these questions from urban science theory, but mostly from practice. We invite urban planners and city managers to reflect upon the answers and provide grassroots examples wherever possible.
- We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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