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# 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.

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## Aims

*Smart Cities* (ISSN 2624-6511) provides an advanced forum for the dissemination of information on the science and technology of smart cities, publishing reviews, regular research papers (articles) and communications in all areas of research concerning smart cities. Our aim is to encourage scientists to publish their experimental and theoretical results in as much detail as possible, with no restriction on the maximum length of the papers published so that all experimental results can be reproduced.

Where applicable, articles should combine modeling/simulations and/or experimentation for idea validation. Simulation tests virtually validate the proposed methods, while experiments provide real-world validation, fostering collaboration and robust inquiry.

The journal also seeks contributions that focus on the analysis and assessment of smart city development and management regarding city design, governance and policy implementation. These contributions should involve new and interesting aspects and be based on solid theoretical foundations. They should also go beyond specific city profiles and enhance the overall theoretical and conceptual understanding of smart cities and territories.

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## Scope

### Core Technologies & Methods for Smart Cities

- artificial intelligence (AI) & machine learning
- Internet of Things (IoT) & sensor networks
- big data analytics & urban informatics
- digital twins & urban modeling
- blockchain technology
- 5G/6G & advanced communication networks
- cloud/edge computing
- cyber-physical systems

### Key Application Areas in Smart Cities

- smart mobility & transportation (e.g., MaaS)
- smart energy systems & grids
- sustainable & resilient infrastructure
- urban governance & citizen engagement
- smart buildings & urban planning
- social sustainability & quality of life
- connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs)
- water and waste management
- logistics and supply chains

### Cross-Cutting Themes in Smart Cities

- metaverse for smart cities
- human-centric design & inclusivity
- cybersecurity & privacy
- policy, AI ethics & governance
- citizen engagement
- public participation

### Sustainability, Resilience & Environment in Smart Cities

- urban sustainability
- urban resilience
- urban environmental monitoring
- urban climate change adaptation
- urban circular economy
- urban green infrastructure
- urban disaster management

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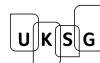
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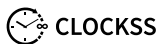
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