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Aim & Scope:
In today’s globalised, technology-driven and ever-changing world, urban and regional constellations are steadily gaining incisive significance as complex spatial systems and nodes of innovation and wealth generation. The study of linkages and interactions taking place among the structural elements/subsystems of cities and their surroundings; and the complex, multi-scale, multi-dimensional and multi-actor domains that these represent are nowadays at the forefront or urban and regional research agenda. This study calls respectively for new, multi-level and more inclusive planning approaches in pursuing developmental objectives as well as new assessment models and processes in order to generate, test and implement policy paths capable of dealing with urban complexity and interactions among different actors (stakeholders, city users, immigrants, etc.) and domains of intervention (e.g. energy production and supply, environmental integrity, social inclusion, economic growth, quality of public space, public services/buildings management). In support of this effort, recent technological advances and their applications in the urban and regional context offer nowadays unique opportunities in the urban and regional development disciplines, establishing a new ground for sketching a smarter, more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future end state of related regions. Based on these premises, this special issue aims at exploring (but is not limited) these emerging and relevant topics:

- energy supply urban chains and renewable energy management
- public space management and regeneration practices – evidence-based results
- technology-based management of cultural heritage
- sustainable urban development by use of ecosystem-based approaches
- establishment of urban networks promoting integration and social inclusion
- healthy cities in relation to indoor and outdoor air quality

We particularly welcome studies that critically examine technical improvements in urban planning and management, coupled with case study research, demonstrating evidence-based results and feasibility of innovative urban planning solutions.

Submission information:
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