


Correction

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Text Correction

The authors wish to make the following corrections to their paper [1].

1. There was an error in the original publication. The word “geoveillance” should be “geosurveillance”.

A correction has been made to Section 3. Surveillance Capitalism: Rationales, Risks, Pitfalls, and Gains, specifically Section 3.1. Governance and Governmentality in Post-Pandemic Urban Society.

Corrected sentence: The fine-grained mass tracking of movement and proximity, and the monitoring and collection of online data—thanks to geosurveillance and dataveillance—will enable tighter forms of control and will have frightening effects on democracy and civil liberties.

2. There was an error in the original publication. The phrase “digitalization datafication” should be “datafication”, and the phrase “are routinely pervading” should be “pervade”.

A correction has been made to Section 2. The Escalating Trends Driving Smart Cities and the Global Architecture of the Computer Mediation of the Metaverse.

Corrected sentence: We are moving into an era where hyper-connectivity, datafication, algorithmization, and platformization pervade the very fabric of urban society as a whole.

3. There was an error in the original publication. The word “digitalization” should be “datafication”.

A correction has been made to Section 2. The Escalating Trends Driving Smart Cities and the Global Architecture of the Computer Mediation of the Metaverse.

Corrected sentence: The escalating trend towards the datafication, algorithmization, and platformization of social (inter-)actions and the social organization resulting from these interactions is part of the unprecedented transformative changes that urban society is currently undergoing in light of recent scientific and technological advances, and governance shifts. The digital and computational processes of transforming social (inter-)actions have been made possible by the marked intensification of the datafication of citizens and places as well as urban processes and actions.



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4. There was an error in the original publication. A correction has been made to Section 4. Conclusions.

Corrected sentence: However, one might wonder if it is still sensible and prudent to consider plans for designing meaningful policies and implementing regulations that benefit all people given the decline in democratic regimes and the erosion of societal values witnessed globally in the aftermath of the engineered COVID-19 pandemic.

The authors state that the scientific conclusions are unaffected. This correction was approved by the Academic Editor. The original publication has also been updated.

Reference

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