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Entropy and Scale-Dependence in Urban Modelling

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Cities are complex systems that require resources to function. They are maintained in more or less stable states by exchanging entropy across their boundaries: Relatively low entropy resources are imported, processed and higher entropy wastes are exported. Entropy, as originally developed by Boltzmann, measures all microscopic-scale configurations of the universe, and in combination with the second law of thermodynamics, provides a robust metric for assessing universal irreversibility, and therefore future sustainability.

This Special Issue focuses on the application of entropy in modelling and evaluating urbanisation at multiple scales. The aim is to clarify the boundaries of applicability of thermodynamic and information entropies, to demonstrate their utility and to identify promising avenues for future exploration.

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