

## Special Issue

# Co-creating the Future of Cities with Games: New Technologies and Methods for Sustainable and Smart City Planning

### Message from the Guest Editor

Games, serious games, geogames, games for community engagement, planning and design are emerging as methodologies, tools and strategies that can be implemented for the co-creation of smart and sustainable cities. Such games may help solve problems, simulate real-world situations, or enable learning and participation. They can also inform the urban planning decision-making process. This Special Issue is dedicated to sustainability and how can it be achieved by using games in different stages of a planning process. It encourages theoretical submissions discussing fundamentals of game and play in smart and sustainable city planning and design. It aims to provide a platform for an exchange on cutting-edge research on games and play for urban planning and design. Original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Sustainability and games
- Analogue games for urban planning and design
- Digital geogames
- Online geogames for urban planning
- Virtual reality games for urban planning and design
- Playful public participation
- Geospatial learning and games

I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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