



Special Issue

Crowdsourcing Urban Data

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Authoritative data sources (e.g., national censuses, municipal records, federal mapping agencies, macroeconomic records) historically provided the backbone for quantifying, analyzing, and understanding mechanisms that operate in a city. While these data sources continue to provide valuable information, non-authoritative data sources are growing in volume and availability. Mobile devices, social media, and the underlying telecommunications infrastructure, have resulted in a global trend where individuals are increasingly volunteering to collect and share observations of the world around them. These crowdsourced data, as images, text, time, and location, are an invaluable resource because they provide spatially and temporally continuous observations that would otherwise go unrecorded. The increased volume of these data make it difficult for the scientific community to ignore even though these data are viewed with skepticism about their scientific validity.

In this Special Issue, we seek to engage with scholars to better understand the possibilities, opportunities, and limitations of crowdsourced urban data. We therefore invite manuscript submissions on theoretical and empirical research on a range of themes related to crowdsourced data, including, but not limited to:

- analytics
- validation
- visualization
- ethics
- accessibility
- content analysis
- uncertainty

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