

Public Participation in 2020: New Forms, new modes, new questions?

Call for papers to be included in a special issue of the International Journal of Geo-Information (IJGI)

Special Issue Information

After many years, public participation is attracting interest and concerns anew, especially in the context of smart city discussions around the world and associated information technology developments through considerations of professional and academic work. Increased interactivity with web-based GI-Toolsets, new and richer data sets from sensors and mobile devices, wide availability of LiDAR data, and increased capacities of SDI-based infrastructures allow us to reimagine what public participation can be now and what it can achieve. The smart city vision opens up new vistas for thinking about how and what citizens and governments can realize through public participation. It also leads to critical reflections from past experiences regarding what is possible at all through public participation and how to improve current research. We are particularly interested in contributions engaging projects and issues in the Global South for this special issue with additional support for those contributions (see below).

Topics include:

- planning support system developments and practices
- interactive public participation systems (kiosks, web sites, etc.)
- collaborative approaches to participation
- citizen engagement strategies
- participatory design
- participation and urban dynamics
- citizen science and participation
- mobile society and challenges of public participation in a globalizing world
- cooperative maps and atlases
- resistance with and through participation
- emotional dimensions of participation
- microgeographies as community strategies and politics
- counter-mapping and its participation politics
- indigenous mapping and participation strategies
- conceptual issues of public participation for the 21st Century

Contribution formats

Following IJGI guidelines and its open-access principles (<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijgi>) the special issue includes academic papers that go through the journal's standard review process and topical reviews. We also aim to support the presentation of work especially from the Global South, which can include topical collections through reviews of submitted abstracts. Authors can submit at anytime, but a special abstract review allows us to give potential contributors advanced feedback and helps evaluate possibilities and make recommendations to assist with the journal's article processing charge (APC). Please indicate your desired article format and need for assistance with the APC when you upload your preliminary abstract.

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Contribution publication

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Timeline

Authors are encouraged to contact the editors using the form at (website) with proposed titles and brief abstracts and any APC waiver requests before 15Oct2020. Full papers are due by 20Feb2021

Overview

Abstract and APC waiver request submission: 15Oct2020

Note on outcome of the editorial review and APC assistance: 15Nov2020

Draft submission: at any time, suggested by 20Feb2021 to the IJGI submission system

Acceptance notifications: within 3 weeks following submission, at latest by 20Apr2021

Revised manuscript submission: ongoing after acceptance or rejection notifications

Online publication: (all articles appear shortly after acceptance and are added to the special issue, which appears in its entirety in early summer 2021).

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