

Urban Analytics & City Science

Overview

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Background

- ↳ Cities are (increasingly) relevant for all of humanity's challenges but also their solutions
- ↳ Data, data, data
- ↳ Data is the oil, analytics is the refinery (Rey, 2021)

Definition

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Urban analytics defined

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Suddenly you realise there is a new phrase or term that everyone is using and you wonder where it came from. Urban analytics is one of those clichés that seems to effortlessly roll off the tongue as though we have used it all our lives. It strictly originates from ‘urban analysis’, but it is more than this for the term analytics implies a set of methods that can be used to explore, understand and predict properties and features of any system, in our case of cities.

Batty (2019)

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New, big, fast
data; but also the
theory behind
them

Trajectory

Origins & evolution

- Vague but early start linked to physics
- From deductive to inductive
- Computing and data technologies critical in trajectory

Urban Analytics: History, Trajectory, and Critique¹

Geoff Boeing², Michael Batty³, Shan Jiang⁴, Lisa Schweitzer⁵

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Urban Data Science

Article

A roundtable discussion: Defining urban data science

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Kang et al. (2019)

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Contemporary Urban Analytics

- Landing the **data/AI** revolution on cities and regions
- Natively interdisciplinary (the **urban** as nexus)
- Linked to policy, decision-making, **practice**

Praxis

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Urban data/code: A new EP-B section

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In this editorial, we are introducing a new section in *Environment & Planning B* (EP-B) that we call “Urban Data/Code”. In some ways, papers in “Urban Data/Code” will be similar to every other one at EP-B: high-quality pieces of scholarship concerned with Urban Analytics and City Science that will undergo standard peer-review before being accepted, and which will be published as part of each issue of the journal. In other ways, they will differ quite a bit: unlike traditional manuscripts, those in “Urban Data/Code” will exclusively contain *descriptions of novel software or data products that will help us better understand cities and the people who inhabit them*. In this editorial, we will provide some background to this new addition to the EP-B family as well as sketching out in more detail what we are looking for in candidate submissions.

Arribas-Bel et
al. (2021)

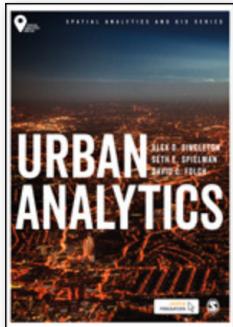
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David Folch - Florida State University, USA

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