

Review of: "Perceptions of 3rd Generation CPTED: Emerging Applications of Technology in Public Space Designs in Smart Cities"

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The paper sheds light on an essential component of smart cities, which is the public space, which unfortunately is one of the least favored sectors in the discussion in the light of intelligent systems if compared with other sectors such as transportation and smart buildings despite its crucial role of the public space in community building, inclusivity, democracy, physical and mental health, social interaction, civic engagement, and economic vitality.

Comments to authors:

- The methodology is not well introduced, and the gap is not clear.
- Section 4 focuses on supporting the authors' proposition, but it lacks sufficient justification and presentation.
- The discussion of smart cities would be incomplete without recognizing the vital role of humans in engaging with the
 diverse systems inside them. Nevertheless, the paper abandons addressing the user's role and interaction with
 technology.
- The challenges were limited to physical factors only, and other factors were neglected, such as the availability of technology, ease of use, governance, and others.
- The proposed framework does not make any clear contribution but rather summarizes what was stated in the paper.

At the end of my review, I would like to thank you again for raising this important topic and for the effort expended in preparing this paper.

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