

RESILIENT, SMART AND GREEN CITIES: THEORETICAL APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

There have been many talks recently about smart cities. People are intrigued by the possibilities a connected city can bring. The article aims to consider the possibility of integrating smart, resilient, and green cities to increase the quality of life in those cities. Sometimes it can seem as though smart cities and resilient cities are mutually different ideas. Therefore, the authors investigate the definition of a smart, green, and resilient cities with the intention of showing their similarity and connection, not their mutual exclusion. Authors concluded that policy makers must be more focused on planning and implementing the green and digital transformation of the local economy and society, and to influence innovation and development, as well as changes in knowledge and work models.

Key words: *city; smart city; digital city; sustainable development; urban development*

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INTRODUCTION

Cities must change themselves according to the demands of the new times. In particular, the appearance of Covid19 greatly influenced the way of life in the cities. The impact of the global epidemic caused by the appearance and spread of the Covid19 virus has led to strong effects on all human labor activities [33]. It has changed the lifestyle, the way of education and the modalities of work. In other words, COVID-19 has an impact on accelerating the digitization of urban areas. “Not only are many people working from home and increasingly reliant on IT, but city governments have also had to shift how they deliver services under lockdown restrictions”. [1] In an era of technological revolution, transition and globalization, change is happening at breakneck speed [32]. In line with this, organizations should change the way they operate. The key factor of a new society development is information, which is transformed into knowledge with a person's help [31]. With the maturation of the individual, knowledge needs to be increased until the moment when the person himself decides on higher education [34]. However, adaptation and adoption of new operating modes and digital business are the only reasonable decisions that one country's economy should strive to [2]. Habitats of all the inhabitants of the world have completely changed in all spheres of life [35].

THEORETICAL OVERVIEW

Through telework, an increasing number of employees perform a significant part of the job at home, in buyer's premises or on the road, using the computer related to their workplace [3].

Working outside the employer's premises represents a much more comfortable form of work than travelling to work every day for many employees and different experts. At the same time, it enables networking and working in desired companies, although they might be miles away, in another city. The social community has many advantages from such a manner of employment, traffic jams are reduced, a parent can pay more attention to children and the house, it is enough that he does not lose time to travel to work and back [4]. This way of working requires appropriate digital knowledge and education. In this context, remote workers must pass the education on technical equipment at their disposal and the significance of this type of work organization. The employers and associates of remote workers can also require education on this form of work and the manner of managing it [5].

In addition, cities have problems with various shocks caused by power outages, traffic collapse and the similar that affect their resilience. However, new technologies can positively affect the growth of cities' resilience, ensure the smooth operation of these systems, and solve problems before they turn into road delays, power outages, and similar [6, 7, 8]. The emergence of a pandemic in the world has especially brought to the fore the issues of resilience and sustainability of cities. For example, New Clark

City in the Philippines is the first and largest resilient city globally. This city represents a modern city where citizens can live and work in terms of a better climate and a secure environment [9]. In addition, increasing resilience contributes to numerous benefits for cities, such as climate adaptation and mitigation, clean water and air, sustainable economies, green jobs, access to green public spaces for recreation and physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Nature-based solutions (NbS) are important tools for improving urban resilience. [10] They help to avoid losses every year by protecting cities [11]. NbS also offer an opportunity to quickly support “*the transition to a more sustainable economy*” [12]. There are many connections between the concept of smart cities and urban resilience. However, the literature analyzes the notion and significance of smart cities more than urban resilience. Therefore, there are few works that deal with the influence of each other. We will look at a few studies that conclude that resident cities positively affect smart cities, while the opposite is not always the case [13]. However, both are important for urban planning and can complement each other through proper governance, which implies the need to build a resilient smart city (RSC) [14].

CONCEPT OF SMART, GREEN, AND RESILIENT CITIES

The concepts of green, smart, and resilient cities are variously defined by various scholars. Even sometimes, these concepts are used interchangeably [15, 16, 17, 18]. The following table shows some of the most well-known definitions of these phenomena.

CONCLUSIONS

The notions of Green [19, 20, 21], Smart [22, 23, 24], and Resilient [25, 26, 27] cities are dramatically being used in the extant body of the literature. Nevertheless, policymakers and researchers use these words interchangeably, especially in emerging economies [28, 29]. This is important because of the interconnectedness and influence of each other. Namely, they jointly include a broad range of actions that harness the power of nature for sustainable development and that support climate resilience, healthy populations, sustainable economies, green jobs, and biodiversity conservation. [30]. In line with this, policy makers must be more focused on planning and implementing the green and digital transformation of the local economy and society, and to influence innovation and development, as well as changes in knowledge and work models.

Table 1. *Definitions of green, smart, and resilient cities*

Type of city	Definition	Reference
Green cities	“The cities striving to lessen their environmental impacts by reducing waste, expanding recycling, lowering emissions, increasing housing density while expanding open space, and encouraging the development of sustainable local businesses.”	El Ghorab & Shalaby [19]
	“Cities characterized as having clean air and water, running a low risk of major infectious disease outbreaks, being resilient to natural disasters, encouraging green behavior, and having a relatively small ecological impact.”	Wątróbski, Ziemia, Jankowski, & Ziolo [20]
	“cities with the ultimate goal of achieving a net zero-carbon footprint in energy, transportation, architecture, and the activity cost chain of businesses.”	Tehrani, Fulton, & Schmutz [21]
Smart cities	Cities “uniting Eco World, Digital World and Social World into the Trinity World, unifying the ecological principles of the eco world development.”	AL-Masri, Ijeh, & Nasir [23]
	“a complex combination of efficient computational capacity, as well as emerging technologies that are motivated by economic benefits as well as social gains.”	Amini, Arasteh, & Siano [22]
	“those that use digital technologies cohesively drive economic growth, to provide information, enhance welfare of the public and improve services of government.”	Krishnan, Arumugam, & Maddulety [24]
Resilient cities	“commonly perceived as transit-oriented development of eco-cities and eco-efficient dwelling with smart infrastructure, local food production and pedestrianization.”	Chand [25]
	“cities that managed to achieve an urban resilience capacity to face all the types of the unpredictable and unpredictable events.”	Elewa [26]
	“cities that can absorb, recover and prepare for future shocks of economic, environmental, social & institutional challenges.”	Dias, Jayakody, Amaratunga, Abenayake, & Jayasinghe [27]

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