

Exploring an Information-Centric Theory of Cities

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This discussion will present ideas related to comparisons and analogies between biological systems and urban systems, with a particular focus on the key role that information and information processing systems play in both the biological and the urban contexts. Based on the historical impact of information-centric thinking on the field of biology, and the subsequent (current) impacts on the fields of medicine and health care, the presentation will speculate about the potential of an information-centric view of cities to similarly impact disciplines of urban design and urban policy-making.