

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to extend to you an invitation to contribute to an upcoming edited book to be published by Springer in the *Local and Urban Governance* book series (<https://www.springer.com/series/16129>, now indexed in Scopus). The working title of the contributed book is:

***Advancing Local and Urban Governance: interdisciplinary perspectives***

The *Local and Urban Governance* book series serves as a platform for research studies with policy relevance, focusing on the sub-national governance at the micro, local, and regional levels. It aims to bring together innovative research from various domains within the Social Sciences and Humanities. Whether your expertise lies in theoretical frameworks, methodological advancements, or empirical investigations, we welcome your contributions. The list of potential subjects within the series encompasses, but is not limited to:

- *Local and regional government*
- *Urban and metropolitan governance*
- *Multi-level territorial governance*
- *Governance of spatial planning*
- *Citizen participation in local policies*
- *Local governance, spatial justice, and the right to the city*
- *Local public services*
- *Local economic development policies*
- *Entrepreneurialism and municipal public enterprises*
- *Local government finance*
- *Local government and sustainable development*
- *Anthropocene and green local governance*
- *Climate change and local governance*
- *Smart local governance*

As a part of our ongoing [UR-DATA project](#) we will be hosting a special project session ***Smart Urban Governance: interdisciplinary insights*** at the forthcoming conference on [Regional Development and Demographic Flows of Southeastern European Countries](#), to be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Faculty of Economics, University of Niš. I kindly invite you to prepare a presentation of the proposed book contribution for this session (optional/online), wherein you can share your insights, research findings, and perspectives on the topic.

In case you are interested, please consider submitting ***a title and a concise abstract*** (up to 200 words) of your proposed contribution by ***May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024***, enabling us to initiate the book preparation process in a timely manner. Please note that the deadline for the full paper submission will be ***October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024***, allowing time for further research and refinement of your contribution. Detailed instructions for authors will follow in due course. Submissions to be sent to [marija\\_dzunic@ni.ac.rs](mailto:marija_dzunic@ni.ac.rs) or [urdata.project@gmail.com](mailto:urdata.project@gmail.com).

Furthermore, please feel free to disseminate this call for contributions to any interested parties within your network who may wish to engage with this opportunity.

Thank you for considering this invitation, and I look forward to your participation in shaping the discourse on local and urban governance.

Warm regards,

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