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ABSTRACT

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CCS CONCEPTS

• Human-centered computing~Visualization~Visualization application domains~Information visualization; • Applied computing~Computers in other domains~Computing in government

KEYWORDS

smart city, metaverse, citiverse, web, Apps, smart living, smart citizens

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This is a half-day event and consists of the following presentations:

1. Homogenizing data flows in smart cities: value-driven use cases in the era of citiverse
2. Towards Invariant Time Series Forecasting in Smart Cities
3. Open Metaverse: Issues, Evolution, and Future
4. Implementing Sustainable Urban Mobility Transitions in Positive Energy Districts

The call for articles attracted submissions from United States, Europe, and Asia. Review and acceptance statistics are as follows:

Table 1: Workshop’s performance

Submission Type	Reviewed	Accepted	
Full Technical Papers	5	3	60%
Short Paper Presentations	2	1	50%

We believe that the program provides a good balance between several trending topics such as applications that strengthen city transformation to virtual environments in the era of metaverse. Hence, we hope that you will find the workshop’s program interesting, providing you with a valuable opportunity to learn and share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from

institutions around the world. An invited speech about smart city applications, will be presented in the beginning of the workshop.

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