

# Review of Factors Influencing Socially Cohesive Smart Societies in South Africa

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## SUMMARY

Although, the Smart City theories have been around since the 19th century, the lack of research materials on this concept in South Africa can clearly be seen in current literature materials. As a result, this study aim to bridge the knowledge gap held by urban citizens by examining the influences of socially cohesive cities. The Smart City concept is still fairly new to the South African built environment therefore, a study on smart cities in the Gauteng region in the country was carried out with a view to emphasis its usefulness in developing cities which are thriving in the areas of sustainable and resilient city systems, transparent governance, increased citizen participation specifically in the decision making process in local governments- thus, promoting the formation of Socially unified communities- as well as the mobilization of ICT infrastructures.

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