

## Special Issue

# The Powerful Sex: Females and Animal Societies

### Message from the Guest Editors

For a long time, most of the research in the fields of behavioral ecology and sociobiology has been pointed at the leading roles of males as the main catalysts at the bases of social dynamics. In this Special Issue, we aim to unveil the underground power of females influencing life history trajectories of many animal taxa. Parental investment, mother–infant caring, female mate choice, female leverage, formal and “out-of-sight” dominance, and female coalition and support are the pillars at the basis of the evolution of complex societies. Scholars working on a huge variety of species, encompassing invertebrates and vertebrates, will be recruited to face all the issues proposed above to explore the “powerful role of females” in an adaptive and evolutionary standpoint.

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