

Special Issue

Social Network Analysis: Opportunities and Challenges

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on the opportunities and challenges faced in social network analysis. A focus is placed on empirical (data-based) findings that overcome the current challenges in social network analysis, for example, trust and safety within social networks. This includes content-based approaches, such as ML-based policy-violating content detection, ML-based fake news detection and bullying detection, and structural approaches, such as online social network decentralization, ego network models and blockchain-based approaches. **Keywords:** social networks as complex networks; social network analysis; computational social science; trust, privacy, and safety in social networks; social networks: analysis of applications and new technologies; fake news and misinformation in social networks and media; AI and machine learning for social networks; decentralized solutions for social networks

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