

Special Issue

Human–Computer Interaction and Virtual Environments

Message from the Guest Editors

The fields of human–computer interaction (HCI) and extended reality (XR) are closely connected, given that they both focus on technologies that enhance interactions between humans, computers, and virtual environments, thereby fostering numerous societally beneficial applications. HCI is dedicated to refining interfaces by innovating in terms of both software and hardware designs and incorporating cutting-edge technologies such as machine learning, gesture recognition, and biosignal processing. Advancements in HCI drive not only technological progress but also facilitate seamless interactions in both real and virtual settings, enhancing the extended reality experience overall. XR, encompassing virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality (MR), blurs the boundaries between the real and virtual worlds, creating a spectrum of applications in numerous fields.

This Special Issue invites contributions that explore pioneering research at the intersection of HCI and virtual environments, and which shape the evolving landscape of these dynamic fields.

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