

## Special Issue

# The Influencing Factors of Prosociality: How Humans Cooperate with Others

### Message from the Guest Editors

Humans, as inherently social beings, are guided by a complex interplay of factors that shape their collaborative and empathetic behaviors. This Special Issue assembles articles and studies that explore the intricate dynamics of prosocial behavior, shedding light on key elements such as altruistic motivations, other-regarding preferences, emotions, individual influences, and social networks, among others. We would like to not only highlight the nuanced connections between cooperation and social cognition but also explore the mechanisms and psychological consequences behind these connections. We invite you to immerse yourself in the exploration of the dynamics of altruistic behavior, including cognitive and neural dynamics such as altruistic motives; preferences for external attention; pro-social emotions; and the influences of individual, social, and cultural factors on our innate drive to cooperate and understand others. To the experts who would like to contribute to this Special Issue, we express our sincerest gratitude in advance.

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