

## Special Issue

# Optimization Control and Energy Conservation in Smart Heating Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

District heating is an energy service based on customers directly moving heat from available heat sources to be immediately used. Today, the fundamental idea of district heating is to use local fuel or heat resources that would otherwise be wasted (such as excess heat from industrial processes or low-grade air and soil energy) to satisfy local customer demand for heating, using a heat distribution network of pipes as a local marketplace. This Special Issue aims to gather significant research contributions focusing on and linking practical applications and scientific research on existing and new methods for smart heating, optimization control, advanced heat metering, and energy conservation in district heating systems. We also welcome all types of articles reporting original, pioneering research with experimental, theoretical, and numerical findings revealing pertinent aspects of smart heating. For more details about the special issue:

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