# **Special Issue**

# Al for Cybersecurity in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

# Message from the Guest Editors

We invite contributions to this special issue focusing on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance security, resilience, and operational safety in UASs. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Al-based cybersecurity frameworks for UASs.
- Transformers and other advanced AI models for securing UASs.
- Machine learning and deep learning models for UAS cybersecurity.
- Al-driven secure communication protocols for UAS networks.
- Real-time monitoring and anomaly detection in UASs using Al.
- Al-enhanced resilience strategies for UASs.
- Autonomous systems with built-in Al security features.
- Al for ensuring data privacy and integrity in UAS operations.
- Al-enabled security for remote UAS control and command systems.
- Al in UAS risk assessment and vulnerability mitigation.
- Intelligent decision-making systems for UAS security.
- Datasets for cybersecurity in the context of UASs.
- Integration of Al models with real drone simulators for cybersecurity testing.

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