# **Special Issue**

# Emerging Trends in Facial Expression Recognition: Applications and Challenges

## Message from the Guest Editors

Facial expression recognition (FER) has become a vital research area in computer vision, artificial intelligence (AI), and human-computer interaction due to its wideranging applications in fields such as healthcare, security, robotics, and virtual reality. Recent advances in deep learning, neural networks, and multimodal data fusion have significantly improved the accuracy and robustness of FER systems. However, challenges remain in handling variations caused by complex realworld environments, occlusion, privacy concerns, and the need to recognize diverse and subtle emotional expressions across different cultures and contexts. This Special Issue aims to explore the latest developments and emerging trends in FER, addressing both theoretical advancements and practical applications. We seek high-quality original research and review articles that provide novel insights into algorithm development, data augmentation, real-time implementation, and the integration of FER with other Al technologies. This Special Issue will cover a broad range of topics, including multi-modal FER, context-sensitive FER, and privacy-preserving FER systems.

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