# Special Issue

# Challenges and Opportunities in Modern Active Distribution **Networks**

## Message from the Guest Editor

We invite contributions that explore novel technologies. control strategies, and planning methodologies that facilitate the transition to a more sustainable, reliable, and efficient grid. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advanced control and operation of active distribution networks.
- Integration and impact of DERs and renewable energy sources.
- Smart grid technologies, automation, Al, and machine learning for distribution systems.
- Grid-interactive electric vehicles-V2X and smart charging infrastructure.
- Advanced protection schemes for networks with high DER penetration.
- Power quality analysis and mitigation in modern distribution grids.
- Resilience and reliability enhancement against extreme weather and cyber-physical threats.
- Advanced metering infrastructure, IoT, and communication technologies for grid management.
- Microgrids, islanding operation, and seamless grid reconnection.
- Planning and optimization of future distribution systems.
- Opportunities and challenges of DC distribution systems.

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