

## Special Issue

# The Development of Children's Emotional Intelligence: Digital Games, Technologies and Practical Applications

### Message from the Guest Editors

Emotional intelligence (EI), introduced in the 1990s, highlights recognizing, understanding, and managing emotions in self and others. EI underpins children's social-emotional growth, relationships, and resilience. In the digital age, games, AI, VR, robots, and apps offer interactive, personalized, gamified experiences that foster EI inclusively, including for children with special needs.

These tools integrate into classrooms and therapy, generating research on effectiveness, design, challenges, and ethics. This Special Issue welcomes theoretical and empirical studies exploring how digital games, AI, and related technologies enhance children's EI, while critically examining limitations and potential mental-health risks.

Topics include EI-centered game design, AI and machine-learning emotion-feedback systems, VR emotional training, and case studies of digital interventions in educational or therapeutic contexts. Interdisciplinary submissions from psychology, education, game design, and computer science are encouraged.

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