

# Special Issue

## Dynamics on Complex Networks: Theory, Modelling, and Applications

### Message from the Guest Editor

The study of dynamical processes on complex networks has become a cornerstone of contemporary mathematics, physics, biology, engineering, and the social sciences. Modern data streams now reveal not only the intricate wiring of real world systems but also the rich, often nonlinear, temporal patterns that unfold on—and reshape—these structures. This Special Issue invites contributions on the forefront of network science, focusing on the complex interplay between structure and dynamics in non-traditional networks. As the field moves beyond static, single-layer representations, understanding the behavior of systems on more realistic and intricate architecture has become paramount. We solicit original research and review articles that explore dynamics on temporal networks, multilayer networks, and higher-order networks (e.g., hypergraphs, simplicial complexes). A key focus is lies in controlling and optimizing of processes unfolding on these structures, from curbing epidemics to managing information diffusion. We encourage interdisciplinary contributions that bridge theory and real world applications, from neuroscience and epidemiology to critical infrastructure and social systems.

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