# **Special Issue**

# Leadership in Evolution: Navigating Change and Inspiring Innovation

#### Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite you to submit original scientific articles for a Special Issue of *Merits* journal devoted to a current and important topic: "Leadership in Evolution: Navigating Change and Inspiring Innovation". The aim of this Special Issue is to create an interdisciplinary platform for scientific discussion on the evolution of leadership and its role in managing change, supporting creativity, and innovation. We encourage you to submit your applications and participate in an academic discussion on the future of leadership in times of change and innovation. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- New leadership models: adaptive, transformational, distributed, servant, and digital.
- Leaders' strategies for dealing with uncertainty, disruption, and organizational change.
- The role of leadership in shaping a culture of innovation and entrepreneurial thinking.
- Leadership in the context of digitalization, artificial intelligence, and remote work.
- Cross-cultural and global perspectives on contemporary leadership practices.
- Leadership and sustainable development: steering organizations toward responsible innovation.

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