## **Special Issue**

# Challenges in Human-Centered Robotics

## Message from the Guest Editors

In a deterministic setting, the difficulties associated with robotics are well-known and have reached a certain level of maturity. However, the inclusion of the human element disrupts this determinism. How robots should act, react, assist, or take over tasks is suddenly being influenced by factors, such as the user's mental model, emotional state, and perception. Therefore, the next generation of human-computer collaboration methods will be enabled at the intersection of human-centered design and robotics.

This Special Issue discusses the fundamental challenges in human-centered robotics and possible approaches to addressing them. From the Human-Centered Design perspective, we aim to discuss issues, including robot safety, delayed operations, shared control, human-robot communication and interaction, haptics, learning, robot aesthetics, and unconventional interaction methods with robots.

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I would also like to better engage with the research community, including bringing some new members onto the Editorial Board, focusing the journal on the latest areas of interest, marketing at leading conferences and, most importantly, getting feedback from our readers.

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