# Special Issue

# Coherence and Polarization Optics

### Message from the Guest Editor

Light waves are characterized by four fundamental properties. While intensity and spectrum are ubiquitous in daily life, polarization and phase remain largely confined to scientific research. These two properties, however, unlock unique capabilities—such as polarization-based underwater imaging, 3D surface reconstruction, and biological tissue characterization via Mueller matrix analysis. Phase, predominantly studied in coherent light, plays a central role in quantitative phase imaging, optical coherence tomography, superresolution microscopy, and scattering-based imaging. This Special Issue aims to present cutting-edge advances in coherence and polarization optics, with a focus on pushing the limits of current imaging systems. Topics include but are not limited to, the following:

- Underwater polarization imaging:
- Polarimetric 3D imaging;
- Polarization-based dehazing in atmospheric environments;
- Mueller matrix imaging and instrumentation;
- Forward and inverse modeling in polarized light transport;
- Scattering imaging and reconstruction;
- Optical coherence tomography (OCT);
- Quantitative phase imaging (QPI).

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