

# Special Issue

## Optical Systems and Design

### Message from the Guest Editor

Traditional optical imaging systems have long relied on the complexity of lens surfaces, intricate structures, and specialized materials for aberration correction to achieve precise focusing and imaging capabilities. In this regard, the journal *Photonics* is announcing a special topic on "Optical Systems and Design," seeking original research papers from experts and scholars to showcase the latest academic advancements and research developments in this field, fostering scientific collaboration and academic exchange.

- Novel optical imaging principles and system design;
- Imaging systems, image fabrication, and displays;
- Freeform optical design, fabrication, and inspection;
- Diffractive optics design, fabrication, and inspection;
- Diffractive-refractive/reflective hybrid optical system design, fabrication, and inspection;
- Metalens-based optical system design and fabrication;
- Optical-digital hybrid optical system design.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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