

## Special Issue

# Reshaping Social Reality: Digital Societies and the Data- Based Approach

### Message from the Guest Editors

Digital technologies and data-driven approaches are reshaping the landscape of modern societies. From social interactions to policy-making, the influence of big data and algorithmic decision-making has penetrated nearly all facets of human life. This special issue, *Reshaping Social Reality: Digital Societies and the Data-Based Approach*, explores the deep changes in social structures, behaviours, and realities brought about by the emergence of the so-called digital age. The purpose of this issue is to critically examine how Data-Based methodologies and digital technologies are transforming traditional social science domains such as sociology, social statistics, anthropology, social psychology, economy, marketing, organization, history, philosophy, social engineering, STS studies, and related disciplines. By engaging with both theoretical and empirical work, this issue will explore the consequences of data-driven technologies on social research, governance, public discourse, and everyday life. We welcome contributions that address the opportunities, challenges, and biases that accompany the rise of digital societies from a social science perspective.

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