

## Special Issue

# Selected Papers from the 31st European Social Services Conference 2023: Advancing Social Services—The Role of Technology in Promoting Autonomy and Inclusion

### Message from the Guest Editors

In collaboration with the 31st European Social Services Conference (ESSC) of the European Social Network, to be held in Malmö, Sweden, on 14–16 June 2023, we invite the submission of papers presented at the conference for inclusion in a Special Issue of *Social Sciences*. There will be no charge for papers submitted to the Special Issue. In line with the conference, the Special Issue will focus on accelerating the digital and technological transformation of social services by governments, public authorities, and agencies involved in their development. It will also discuss how technological advancements can help improve the delivery of social services by simplifying the access and sharing of information, enhancing coordination between services, encouraging early intervention, supporting decision-making, and promoting people's autonomy and choice. The Special Issue seeks to gather theoretical, empirical and practical findings relating to this area of practice and study.

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