# **Special Issue**

# Towards Net-Zero Industry X.0: Sustainable Governance, Smart Operations and Digital Twins

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This Special Issue aims to explore how emerging technologies and governance models can accelerate the transition toward **net-zero industrial systems** in the context of **Industry X.0**. As digitalization, automation, and digital twin strategies reshape the industrial landscape, enterprises are under growing pressure to align innovation with the Sustainable Development Goals. Central to this transformation are smart operations, digital twins, and sustainable governance frameworks, which together enable integrated planning, lifecycle optimization, and ESG-oriented decisionmaking. This Special Issue seeks to compile interdisciplinary contributions from the fields of industrial engineering, sustainability science, systems management, and information technologies. We welcome conceptual, empirical, and methodological papers that address the integration of digital tools and sustainable practices in manufacturing, supply chain operations, product-service systems, and enterprise governance.

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