# Special Issue Symmetry in Gauge Theories

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Gauge theories stand as the cornerstone of modern physics, describing three of the four fundamental interactions through the Standard Model. By introducing local symmetries, realized by Lie algebras, these frameworks incorporate gauge bosons and spontaneous symmetry breaking and elegantly explain particle masses. Beyond the canonical formulation, various approaches explore non-minimal couplings, topological terms, and possible connections with string theory or AdS/CFT. Such investigations offer valuable insights into non-perturbative phenomena, including confinement and dynamical symmetry breaking. The study of Lie algebras remains crucial for constructing gauge-invariant theories, shedding light on both the Standard Model's structure and potential physics beyond it. We invite researchers to contribute their original, high-quality research papers, inspiring further advances in our understanding of gauge symmetries.

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