## **Special Issue**

# Symmetry and Asymmetry in Engineering Decisions: Data-Driven and Expert-Based Approaches to Multi-Attribute Decision-Making

### Message from the Guest Editors

In modern industry and engineering practice, decision-making is often conceptualized as the selection of an option among multiple alternatives or possible solutions, which are evaluated according to various attributes or criteria. For this purpose, Multi-Attribute Decision-Making (MADM) methods are most commonly employed. The focus of this Special Issue is to highlight the importance of research on symmetry and asymmetry in the application of MADM methods to engineering decision-making problems. We invite contributions to this Special Issue that cover, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Combining data-driven (objective) and expertbased/fuzzy (subjective) data in the application of MADM approaches in engineering;
- Application and comparison of compensatory and non-compensatory (as well as balanced) approaches in solving specific problems;
- Application of combined and hybrid fuzzy MADM approaches.

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