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# **Advances of Blockchain Technology and Its Applications**

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Blockchain is a distributed database maintained by all participants in a system and secured by public key cryptography. Blockchain technology is one of the most disruptive technologies that impacts research, as well as industries. The advances of blockchain technology have contributed a great deal to change the way in traditional industries, ranging from finance to trade, manufacturing, and more. However, due to the nascent nature of blockchain technology, it is not widely applied to real-life implementations. The aim of this Special Issue is to publish high-quality papers with state-of-the-art solutions regarding blockchain technology and its applications to promote the adoption of this technology in more areas. Potential topics of this Special Issue include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cryptocurrency
- Smart contract
- Ethereum
- Blockchain security
- Blockchain standard
- Blockchain adoption
- Opportunity and threats in blockchain
- Blockchain and IoT
- Blockchain and healthcare
- Blockchain and trade finance
- Blockchain and government
- Blockchain and energy



