Social Policies in the Digital World

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Dear Colleagues,

The scope of this Special Issue includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- The impact of digitalization on welfare state structures and the delivery of social services.
- How digital governance transforms public administration and the implications for welfare recipients.
- The role of big data and automated decision-making in social policy, including ethical and human rights considerations.
- The challenges of digital inclusion and exclusion, and the ways in which digital divides affect access to welfare benefits and services.
- Theoretical frameworks for understanding the digital welfare state and its implications for social equity and justice.
- Case studies of digital welfare reforms and their outcomes across different national contexts.
- The influence of digitalization on labor markets, employment policies, and social risks, particularly in the context of platform economies and automation.
- The digital divide and its implications for social equity and inclusion.

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