



## Industry 4.0, Digitization and Opportunities for Sustainability

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Today, we are all facing disruption caused by the digital economy or the digitalization of economic activity. It amounts to billions of everyday online connections among people, institutions, devices, data and processes. The growth of the digital economy around the world has been exponentially increased in the last 5 years. The current technological disruption is unprecedented in terms of velocity and pervasiveness. It is changing production processes and products, new forms of consumption, fixed capital formation, society and business, and the way we live. On one hand, there are developmental dividends of greater inclusion, efficiency and innovation, which will provide new sources of growth and jobs and, potentially, will reduce inequality.

The objective of this *Sustainability* Special Issue is to attract and publish excellent research on digitization and digital transformation in the development of sustainable industry and economy, which have the potential to deeply impact and incredibly change activities, infrastructures and businesses.

I look forward to receiving your contributions.

Prof. Dr. Yang (Jack) Lu

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