Special Session on
Transition Toward the Deployment of Artificial Intelligence, IoT and Blockchain in Smart Grids and Smart Cities

Innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods and techniques, particularly those based on machine/deep learning, computer vision, and the internet of things, are emerging to address a variety of real-world issues, including smart transportation, the management of public services, safety issues, and traffic monitoring. In reality, AI-based systems that also make use of IoT or cloud networks may be used as the basis solutions to this broad spectrum of issues. The Internet of Things (IoT), which connects the physical and digital worlds in a variety of fields including smart cities, smart electricity grids, healthcare, environmental problems, network monitoring, has significantly advanced sensing and communication technology. To properly manage billions of devices with the massive amounts of data created by IoT devices to guarantee low latency, energy efficiency, and other factors, there are still a number of issues for current IoT systems. In modern electricity networks, the analysis of reliability, security, and resilience to contingencies, and cybersecurity is very difficult since they contain intricate distributed generating networks and decentralized sensing, communication, and control infrastructures interacting with each other. This issue seeks to compile works that make systems, methods, solutions, and experimental findings that are intended to provide a contribution to all subjects associated with the aforementioned issues in smart grids and smart cities.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:
- The role of IoT in various domains of smart grids (i.e., intelligent transportation systems)
- Smart grid data analytics for enhanced resilience
- Identification of weaknesses of smart grids against faults and FDI attacks and anomalies
- AI-based techniques in power system operation and planning
- Impact of market mechanisms on grid resilience and security
- Novel theories, concepts, and paradigms of the convergence of IoT, AI, blockchain, and edge–cloud
- Framework, algorithms, and protocol design for distributed computing and IoT cloud
- Scheduling, deployment, monitoring, benchmarking, and metering for IoT-enabled energy grids
- Machine learning, AI, and other innovative approaches for smart cities and grids.
- Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), blockchain, and smart contract in cyber-physical systems

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