

Selection Criteria for a Special Issue Proposal:

- 1) **New and engaging topic:** The topic of a special issue proposal should either address an emerging topic or a consolidated topic where there has been significant recent progress within the scope of the journal. The motivation for the special issue topic should be encouraging and the topic should be important to the development of the field of KBS.
- 2) **Guest editors:** The Guest Editors should be well-established researchers in the field of the special issue topic. They should have editing experience and a significant publication track record in related areas.
- 3) **Contributors:** The Guest Editors must have a clear plan to find potential high-quality paper contributors and therefore ensure the special issue's success.
- 4) **Readerships and audience:** The topic of special issue must be of special interest to the readership of *Knowledge-Based System* and have the potential to grow its audience.