

Special Issue

Cement Materials and Binding Materials for Construction: Preparation, Characterization and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

Widely different binders have been used in building construction since antiquity. Today, Portland cement seems to be the sole binder used.

Since the second half of the last century, investigations on Portland cement, focusing on production first and on its hydration mechanism later, have improved the quality of its fresh and solid properties, leading to the development of self-consolidating, self-curing, ductile, strain-hardening, and high-performance concrete.

The aim of this Special Issue is to gather recent advances on the production and use of binders, not limited to Portland cement but also open to more sustainable hydraulic binders such as geopolymers, alkali-activated binders, recycled aggregates, and raw earth/clays. In this context, the analytical techniques to investigate the materials at all different organization levels, from nano to macro, and the assessment of their macro mechanical characteristics in the fresh and hardened state represent key topics. Link:

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