

Science and Technology of Fabric Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The textile industry has a long traditional history founded on clothing and housing humankind through natural materials, but it now extends to highly technical applications of specialist materials using both traditional textile fabrication methods and more novel approaches. Fibers and fully fashioned fabrics are often given enhanced performance by coatings of additional materials. These can augment existing properties, such as water repellency, or provide additional functionality, such as electrical conductivity, or even endow a fabric with chemical or electronic activity.

The scope of this Special Issue will encompass papers that include the following aspects of coatings on textiles, but also any other novel use of coatings, including aesthetic/design enhancements:

- Provision of physical and mechanical enhancements (e.g., hydrophobicity, shape memory);

Coating techniques may include any liquid, gaseous or plasma methods, either employed at the fiber stage or after fabrication of the textile. Performance assessment may include simulations, laboratory testing, and field testing, as well as referring to industry standards.



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