

## Modern Methods of Shaping the Structure and Properties of Coatings

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to the Special Issue "Modern Methods of Shaping the Structure and Properties of Coatings". Constant striving to increase the energy efficiency of machines, devices and processes and reduce energy consumption and emissions leads to the development of new materials with enhanced mechanical properties. Surface treatment is one way to enhance the mechanical properties and wear characteristics of metals and their alloys.

This Special Issue aims to cover broad aspects of science, technology, applications of surface treatment methods, as well as characterisation of surface layers.

Original research articles and reviews are welcome. Potential topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Study on technologies of surface treatment.
- Designing and shaping the properties of surface layers.
- Study of tribological characteristics of surface layers.
- Characterisation of surface layers (microstructure and properties).
- Study of wear mechanisms of surface layers (abrasion, erosion, cavitation, etc.).

We look forward to receiving your contributions.



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