



## Advanced Functional Coatings and Materials for Energy Harvesting, Conversion and Storage

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

In the pursuit of sustainable energy solutions, the significance of advanced functional coatings and materials is paramount, particularly within the domains of energy harvesting, conversion, and storage. The lack of comprehensive research on coatings and materials utilized in electrodes, collectors, and separators has resulted in challenges such as slow kinetic speed and low energy conversion efficiency in reactions. Thus, there exists an urgent need to enhance the efficiency of energy production processes and optimize storage capacities. This Special Issue is positioned to accelerate advancements in the development of novel materials and coatings customized for diverse applications like solar cells, batteries, supercapacitors, and thermoelectric devices. Topics of interest includes:

- Exploration of novel materials and coatings aimed at enhancing energy conversion efficiency;
- Utilization of advanced characterization techniques for the evaluation of functional coatings;
- Innovations in nanomaterials and functional coatings tailored specifically for energy applications;
- Challenges and opportunities associated with the scaling up of functional coatings.





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