

# Special Issue

## Micro- and Nano- Mechanical Testing of Coatings and Surfaces

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is devoted to capturing recent progress in in situ and ex-situ micro- and nanomechanical testing of inorganic coatings and will focus on quantitative aspects of these techniques as applied to the understanding of coatings' behavior under varying conditions. This issue will cover but not be limited to the following topics:

- In situ mechanical property testing of coatings (where mechanical tests are performed in an imaging/characterization tool inter alia: synchrotron, electron microscopy, light microscopy, etc.);
- In situ and operando imaging and microstructural characterization during small-scale testing methods, inter alia: deformation, wear, fatigue, and fracture, etc.;
- In situ mechanical property testing and operando characterization of coatings in aggressive environments such as high/low temperatures, high strain rate, etc.;
- Metallic or other inorganic coatings and thin films (thermal/plasma spray, CVD/PVD, etc.);
- All industrial applications (aerospace, biomedical, electronic, nuclear, etc.);
- Novel preparation methods and techniques for small-scale testing (FIB, lithography, etc.).

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