## **Special Issue**

# Renewable Fuels and Catalysis: Expanding Pathways from CO<sub>2</sub> and Hydrogen to Methanol, Ethanol, Methane, and Biofuels

## Message from the Guest Editors

At present, concerns over climate change, energy security, and the depletion of fossil resources have accelerated the search for sustainable fuel alternatives. Renewable fuels are promising due to their versatility and potential for carbon neutrality. Significant advances have been made in developing catalytic pathways for the conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> and green hydrogen into liquid and gaseous fuels. This Special Issue highlights innovative catalytic materials, reaction mechanisms, process intensification strategies, and technoeconomic and environmental assessments for sustainable fuel production. The topics of interest include:

- Advanced catalytic systems for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation to methanol, ethanol, and methane
- Catalytic and biochemical routes for biofuel synthesis
- Mechanistic insights and kinetic modeling of catalytic processes
- Integration of renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass) with sustainable fuel synthesis
- Process design, reactor engineering, and scale-up approaches
- Techno-economic and life cycle assessments of renewable fuel production
- Hybrid and emerging technologies for CO₂ capture, utilization, and conversion
- Industrial case studies and pilot-scale demonstrations

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