

# Special Issue

## Environmentally Friendly Gels

### Message from the Guest Editors

Environmentally friendly gels represent complex polymer systems whose properties are governed by chain connectivity, secondary bonding interactions, and multi-scale intermolecular forces. This Special Issue on “Environmentally Friendly Gels” focuses on recent advances in biodegradable gels for ion adsorption in water treatment and electrochemical ion transport, covering the entire research pipeline from theoretical calculations, crosslinking synthesis, and physical characterization to practical applications. Topics will span interdisciplinary discussions on aggregated structure and dynamics, dynamic and adaptive behavior, and ion transport applications. Given the breadth of environmentally friendly gel science, this Special Issue will feature select representative cases to highlight the complexity and challenges of the field, hoping to inspire new research and discoveries in the gel community.

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