

Special Issue

Advances in Surface Engineering: Functional Films and Coatings

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to showcase recent advances in the design, synthesis, characterization, and application of functional films and coatings. We are particularly interested in studies that explore novel coating materials, innovative deposition techniques, performance optimization strategies, and multi-functional properties. Both experimental investigations and modeling approaches are welcome, as well as research bridging laboratory-scale developments with industrial applications. We welcome original research articles, reviews, and short communications covering, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Development of advanced functional coatings and films;
- Surface modification and treatment techniques;
- Physical vapor deposition (PVD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD), thermal spray, sol-gel, and electrochemical processes;
- Wear, corrosion, oxidation, and erosion resistance;
- Multifunctional coatings with optical, electrical, or thermal functionalities;
- Nanostructured, bioactive, and smart coatings;
- Coating adhesion, residual stress, and failure mechanisms;
- Modeling and simulation of coated surfaces.

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