## Special Issue

# New Processes and Technologies in Alloy Materials: Focus on Additive Manufacturing, HEAs, and Welding

## Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on three key areas: additive manufacturing (AM), high-entropy alloys (HEAs), and welding technologies. AM offers exceptional design freedom and material efficiency, yet challenges remain in process optimization, defect mitigation, and property consistency. HEAs, known for their complex chemistries and outstanding mechanical properties, are being explored for high-temperature stability and corrosion resistance. Welding technologies are advancing via friction stir welding, hybrid techniques, and laser-based methods to improve the joining of dissimilar or hard-toweld alloys. Recent studies have sought highlight microstructure-property relationships, in situ monitoring, phase transformation behavior, and the integration of AM with tailored heat treatments. In addition, machine learning-driven alloy design and process control are accelerating the discovery of new alloys and optimizing processing routes.

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