# Special Issue

# Recent Advances in Separation Techniques for Critical Minerals/Metals, Circular Economy, and Sustainability

## Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue emphasizes research and development in physical separation techniques and extractive metallurgy methods for mineral processing and resource recycling, as well as environmental remediation, with a specific focus on critical minerals/metals. However, research on other critical resources is also welcome. This collection covers a wide range of topics, including gravity separation, magnetic separation, electrical separation, and flotation. It also explores methods such as leaching, solvent extraction, cementation, adsorption, and precipitation, highlighting their importance in both primary and secondary resource utilization. The goal is to promote a circular economy and carbon neutrality while addressing environmental and sustainability concerns in the extraction and processing of critical minerals/metals.

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