

Special Issue

Synthesis and Application of Silicon Dioxide Nanoparticles

Message from the Guest Editor

Recently, silica-based nanomaterials have been attracted great interest in both fundamental and applied research. They can be produced in a variety of sizes, pores and shapes. Depending of the synthesis strategies and functionalization methods, their surface properties can be easily adjusted for several purposes. This Special Issue is seeking contributions in the form of communications, research articles and reviews, in order to provide an update on current knowledge of the fundamentals, theory and computational methods, new applications and perspectives related to silica nanoparticles. Thus, the scope of this Special Issue will include, but is not limited, to the following topics: synthesis and functionalization; mechanochemical synthesis and surface modification; meso- and macro-porous silicas; hierarchically porous silica materials; characterization from thermal analysis, X-ray, infrared spectroscopy, scanning and transmission electron microscopy; catalysis and adsorption; applications of silica nanoparticles to biotechnology, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, biomedicine, petroleum and the petrochemical industry, gas capture and storage, and environmental processes.

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