

## Special Issue

# Biodegradable Polymers and Their Emerging Applications

### Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, the detrimental impact of traditional non-biodegradable polymers on ecosystems and human health has prompted a shift towards sustainable and benign alternatives. Biodegradable polymers are pivotal in addressing the global plastic pollution crisis by offering eco-friendly options. These polymers help alleviate the burden on ecosystems and oceans by breaking down naturally over time into non-toxic components. Even though well-known biodegradable polymers are available on the market, presenting alternatives for different applications, the range of choices is still quite limited. Additionally, biodegradable polymers confront challenges regarding mechanical properties, cost, scalability, and public awareness. This Special Issue aims to curate novel advances in the development of biodegradable polymers and their emerging applications. We invite you to contribute by sharing your innovative research results, fostering a deeper understanding, and promoting the widespread dissemination of knowledge on biodegradable polymers.

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