

Special Issue

Sustainable Engineering for Industry 4.0: Digitization and Circularity in Manufacturing

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues, This Special Issue, *"Sustainable Engineering for Industry 4.0: Digitization and Circularity in Manufacturing"*, explores two key pillars of sustainable industry transformation: digitization and the circular economy. Digitization enables data-driven optimization of production, resource use, and decision-making while enhancing safety and ergonomics through sensor systems and digital modeling. It supports environmental monitoring, predictive maintenance, and the creation of worker-centered environments. Circularity, meanwhile, emphasizes waste prevention, resource efficiency, and closing material loops across the product lifecycle. Together, these approaches create regenerative, sustainable models for modern manufacturing. This Special Issue seeks contributions that integrate these concepts, offering interdisciplinary insights to advance theory and practice. Submissions should demonstrate how digital tools and circular strategies can foster environmentally efficient and human-centered industrial systems.

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