

Advances in Deposition and Characterization of Hard Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to welcome you to submit your article to this Special Issue, which is called “Advances in Deposition and Characterization of Hard Coatings”. The goal of this issue is to gather some of the most recent and interesting contributions to the field of deposition and characterization of hard coatings. Contributions are expected to include the current study of the deposition of hard coatings and the characterization of their properties. In particular, the topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Numerical simulation on properties of hard coatings and influence of deposition parameters;
- Hard coatings for industrial use;
- Protective and tribological coatings;
- Biomedical coatings;
- Microstructure design and architecture of hard coatings (multilayers, nanocomposite and gradient coatings);
- Structure–property relationships for hard coatings;
- Chemical, plasma, and hybrid deposition processes;
- Thermal spraying hard coatings;
- Advanced methods for characterization of hard coatings;
- Cubic boron nitride and diamond-related hard coatings.



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