



## Functional Coatings for Textile Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Currently, due to the increasing growth competition textile materials cannot be restricted to clothes, linen, tablecloth, and curtains, but they have to also be regarded as high-tech products that, in addition to the traditional clothing industry, find application in many technological fields, like construction, agriculture, automotive, aerospace, and medicine. In this regard, recently, both the surface activation and deposition of thin functional coatings have been investigated in order to confer different properties to textiles. The scope of this Special Issue on textile coatings is to focus on the new advanced textile active coatings that envisage extending the functionality of conventional textiles.

In particular, the topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Memory polymer coatings for smart textiles;
- Self-cleaning processes on textile surfaces;
- Self-healing textile coatings;
- Smart breathable coatings for textiles;
- Conductive polymer coatings;
- Photonic materials for textile coatings;
- Smart medical textiles and antimicrobial textile coatings;
- Coatings for protection and comfort in clothing and sportswear;
- Biomimetic textile coatings.





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