



Polymer-Derived Ceramic Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The application of coatings derived from preceramic polymers such as polymer and ceramic, coatings, and composite and functional coatings is currently considered as the one of the most effective methods to tailor surface properties of materials to specific requirements for conventional and advanced technological applications. The polymer-derived ceramic (PDC) route is based on the synthesis of preceramic polymers as suitable and highly pure precursors to supply after pyrolysis ceramics with a desired phase distribution and homogeneity. The application of the coatings is possible with simple spray- or dip-coating techniques. Additionally, the transformation of polymer coatings based on the PDC route into ceramics is possible not only in a furnace but also by using alternative methods like laser radiation or plasma conditions. Ceramics with various pore scales can be also made from them. This Special Issue focuses on the current state-of-art of surface modification and ceramic coating development of polymeric materials, and scientific issues related to the synthesis, characterization, and application of PDCs-based coatings.

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