



## Recent Innovations in Nanostructured Coatings for Sustainable Energy Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The Special Issue will incorporate a wide range of research areas: advanced materials, coatings, and thin films optimized for sustainable energy technologies. We invite researchers to submit their work, highlighting new advanced coating materials including thin films, quantum dots, and surface coatings designed to increase performance in a variety of systems. The thematic content includes self-healing coatings, anti-corrosion, thermal coatings, and graphene coatings, focusing on their applications in important energy-related devices such as lithium-ion batteries, solar cells, and thermoelectric devices. We will focus on the complex molecular structures and interactions in advanced materials. We welcome theoretical, modeling, and experimental contributions, including studies on thin electrode coatings for batteries and electrochemical cells, spectroscopic techniques investigating vibrational modes and electronic excitations. Asymmetry's effect on intermolecular interactions and catalytic performance is of particular interest. Researchers are encouraged to submit their work on molecular asymmetry's impact on reactivity, selectivity, and catalytic efficiency.





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