## **Special Issue**

## New Advances in Functional Optical Thin Films

### Message from the Guest Editors

This scope of this Special Issue aims to cover recent developments and the latest research advances in the field of functional optical thin film production, characterization, and application to photonics, optical sensors, optical fibers, solar cells, and green energy production. Authors are invited to submit their papers on optical sensors, energy harvesting devices, solar cells, and any device based on novel fuctional thin film materials. We kindly invite authors to submit a manuscript(s) to this Special Issue on experimental processes, opitcal property measurement, and theoretical and practical analysis of carrier transport and optical device applications. In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to:

- Novel optical functional materials;
- Flexible substrate and their optoelectronic applications;
- Mechanical properties of thin films;
- Fabrication, processing, and properties of optical thin film devices;
- Optical fiber application;
- Functional and conductive polymer thin films;
- Structural characterization of functional thermoelectric thin films.

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