



Looking for a Sustainable Cleaning of Cultural Heritage: Agenda 2030

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to submit your work to this Special Issue of *Coatings* on “Looking for a Sustainable Cleaning of Cultural Heritage Agenda 2030”. The United Nations has stated that cultural heritage protection is part of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, through the Target 11.4, under SDG11: “strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage” to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”. This Special Issue is based on reviews and research focused on the extraction of different patinas, deposits, coatings, or crusts from cultural heritage elements. The topics of interest include but are not limited to the following:

- Characterization of coatings, patinas, crusts, or deposits to be removed from cultural heritage elements
- Limitations of traditional cleaning procedures
- New cleaning strategies and procedures on cultural heritage
- Non-invasive analytical techniques to monitor the cleaning of cultural heritage
- Case studies





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