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Heat treatment has been used to improve steel's formability or performance since time immemorial. In this Special Issue, we will seek to provide a set of articles on various aspects of the heat treatment of steels, with a focus on microstructures and mechanical properties, including both research papers and review papers, informing readers on the latest ongoing research and development activities, on the current state of the art, and on prior history.

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