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## Nanostructured Thin Films: Deposition Methods, Properties and Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Nowadays, nanostructured thin films are widely utilized for many purposes in a variety of fields, particularly focused on future technologies. Their fabrication via several methods, crystalline character, compositional phases, thickness from nanometers to micrometers, and their nanostructuring possibilities provide systems with a multitude of specific properties to be studied and employed in many applications. In addition, their research field is extensive, covering optics, electronics, catalytic systems, energy and biomaterials, among others.

Studies involving traditional and novel methodologies for the preparation of nanostructured thin films, their properties and characteristics, including the use of advanced techniques such as Raman microscopy and synchrotron radiation-based techniques for the study of systems, as well as the use of computer modeling and simulations to predict the properties and mechanisms and applications of films, are very welcome.

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