



## Advances in Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Catalysis

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### Message from the Guest Editors

It is well known that more than 90% of commercial chemical products involve catalytic processes in at least one step of their manufacture. Despite the ubiquitous use of catalytic processes, further demand for energy sources, chemical building blocks, fine chemicals, food processing and waste treatment (exhaust gases, wastewaters, solid wastes) is pushing material scientists and chemical engineers to develop new catalyst materials and corresponding processes.

Some of the greatest technological challenges of a mankind involve the development of novel catalytic processes, specifically:

- The valorization of captured CO<sub>2</sub> into platform chemicals and energy vectors;
- The valorization of CH<sub>4</sub> that is commonly flared at small or temporary sources;
- The valorization of biomass to yield value-added chemicals;
- Environmental pollution abatement;
- Fuel-cells (oxygen evolution and reduction reactions);
- Enzymatic conversions.

This Special Issue will feature articles that cover topics related to materials preparation, engineering, functionalization, activation and characterization of materials.





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