

Special Issue

Latest Advances in Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Message from the Guest Editors

This Issue welcomes original research, case studies, and comprehensive reviews addressing a broad range of topics, including rock characterization, slope stability, underground construction and ground control techniques, tunneling, soil mechanics, deep mining geomechanics, geotechnical challenges in underground mining, and numerical modeling techniques.

We are particularly eager to showcase contributions that bridge the gap between theoretical developments and practical applications, demonstrating the impact of advanced analytical, experimental, and computational approaches on rock mechanics and rock engineering practice. Interdisciplinary studies that integrate mining, geology, materials science, data analytics, advanced sensing technologies, artificial intelligence, and machine learning into geotechnical problem-solving are also of great interest.

This Issue will serve as a platform for researchers, engineers, and industry professionals to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and foster collaborations that push the frontiers of rock mechanics and geotechnical engineering.

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