Special Issue

Southern Hemisphere Climate Dynamics

Message from the Guest Editors

The southern hemisphere has different climatic characteristics to the northern hemisphere. The greater abundance of water in the southern hemisphere implies, for example, a lower rate of warming. The Antarctic Ocean, on the other hand, absorbs and stores heat very efficiently in its waters. Comparatively speaking, these are factors that are believed to delay the effects of global warming in relation to the northern hemisphere. However, in recent decades, dramatic extreme events related to climate variability have affected different parts of the southern hemisphere. Currently, the Amazon Basin is facing the worst drought in recorded history in terms of rainfall and river levels, affecting millions of people's livelihoods. Australia is experiencing prolonged, extreme heat with increasing frequency and intensity. Forest fires are overwhelming continental areas of Oceania, Africa, and South America.

Submissions in, but not limited to, the following research areas are invited:

climate variability; extreme events; hydroclimate; droughts and heatwaves; risks, vulnerability, and impacts.

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