# **Special Issue**

# Spatial and Temporal Variability in Drought: Exploring Regional Drought Indicators and Indices

# Message from the Guest Editors

Drought is a complex and multifaceted natural phenomenon with profound implications for ecosystems, agriculture, water resources, and society. This Special Issue aims to advance the understanding of drought variability by examining regional perspectives using various assessment, monitoring, and forecasting techniques. Advanced methodologies such as remote sensing, climate modeling, machine learning, and statistical approaches enhance the accuracy and applicability of drought analysis. The key areas of focus will include the development and application of drought indices such as the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI), Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), and Soil Moisture Index (SMI). Additionally, this Special Issue will highlight regional case studies illustrating localized drought dynamics, explore the role of climate variability in drought shifts, and showcase advancements in datadriven drought risk assessment. Furthermore, research on developing robust drought early warning systems and adaptive management strategies is essential for effective drought preparedness and response.

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