

# Special Issue

## Mental Health and the Natural Environment

### Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of natural environments' profound impact on mental health and well-being. As urbanization accelerates and lifestyles become increasingly detached from nature, many individuals experience heightened levels of stress, anxiety, and depression. Conversely, exposure to natural settings—whether through green spaces like parks and forests or blue spaces like rivers and oceans—has alleviated mental fatigue, reduced stress, and enhanced overall psychological well-being. The intricate relationship between mental health and the natural environment involves physiological, psychological, and social dimensions. **Purpose of the Special Issue** This Special Issue aims to deepen our understanding of the connections between mental health and the natural environment. We explore how interactions with nature promote psychological well-being, identify the mechanisms underlying these effects, and examine how environmental challenges impact mental health. We hope to inform interventions, policies, and practices that leverage natural environments to enhance mental health outcomes by gathering cutting-edge research from diverse disciplines.

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