

Special Issue

Mantle Xenoliths

Message from the Guest Editors

Mantle xenoliths often bear mineral assemblages in thermodynamic equilibrium which allow pressure and temperature estimates according to established mineralogical geothermobarometers. If a given xenolith suite adequately represents the lithospheric column, a xenolith-based paleogeotherm can be calculated.

Mantle xenoliths sometimes host exotic minerals, such as hydrous-silicate or carbonate phases, which can be either ascribed to interaction with the host magma or to metasomatic events deep within the mantle. The high-pressure allotrope of the carbon, diamond, can be one of these exotic minerals, especially in xenoliths from kimberlite pipes.

This Special Issue on mantle (and lower-crustal) xenoliths accepts research papers with both regional and general relevance, review papers, datasets, and viewpoint articles, which deal to the aforementioned topic.

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