

## Special Issue

# Physical Drivers and Anthropogenic Pressures Shaping Coastal Water Quality

### Message from the Guest Editors

Coastal water quality is shaped by a complex interplay between physical circulation processes and diverse anthropogenic pressures acting across multiple spatial and temporal scales. In semi-enclosed and highly dynamic coastal systems, variations in circulation patterns, stratification, residence times, and exchange with the open sea strongly modulate the transport, dilution, and accumulation of substances affecting ecological status. This Special Issue aims to advance understanding of the physical drivers and anthropogenic pressures shaping coastal water quality, with a particular emphasis on integrative approaches that link observations, numerical modeling, and system-level analyses. We invite studies that examine how hydrodynamic variability, extreme events, and human activities influence coastal water quality indicators, including pressures associated with port activities, maritime transport, ballast water exchange, microplastic contamination, and invasive species pathways, without restricting submissions to climate attribution alone. Climate-related variability and extreme events are welcome where supported by data and process-based analysis.

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