## Special Issue

# Desert Ecosystems and Landscapes: Structure, Functioning and Threats

#### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue explores novel multi-, inter- and supra-disciplinary approaches into the study of desert ecosystems and landscapes. It focuses on understanding the structure and functioning of desert ecosystems and landscapes – preferably from an ecological perspective – to predict and mitigate the natural and human-made changes these ecosystems and landscapes may undergo in the foreseen future. Ideally, manuscripts will address at least two of the following three themes:

- Structure: Physical structure, community assembly, food webs, connectivity, biodiversity, etc.
- Functioning: Biogeochemical cycles, feedback networks, productivity, ecosystem services, etc.
- Threats: Climate change, desertification, disturbances, land-use changes, conservation, etc.

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