

Special Issue

Petrography, Mineralogy, and Geochemistry of Coals

Message from the Guest Editors

Over 300 minerals have been identified in coal, they not only carry genetic information but are also a concentrator of trace elements, which are important for the mining, beneficiation, and combustion of coal, as well as during the storage of waste products from these activities. The study of the inorganic chemical composition of coal is related to defining the mode of occurrence of the elements, their quantitative presence, economic value, and their migration behavior during the technological treatment of the coal. Petrographic studies are the basis of organic petrology and coal geology. They provide information on the coal quality, coalification rate, coking and briquetting potential and paleoenvironmental deposition. The petrographic, mineral, and inorganic chemical compositions of coal are closely related, and their study provides both new fundamental knowledge and information for using coal as a source of critical/valuable elements. At present, some coal deposits are mined for Ge extraction. Coal still has a significant part in the energy sector in many countries around the world, which necessitates their petrographic, mineralogical, and geochemical research.

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