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Continental Crust Evolution in Collisional and Accretionary Orogens: Petrological, Tectonic and Metallogenic Implications

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Collisional and accretionary orogens are the most spectacular records of the tectono-magmatic evolution of continental crust. Accretionary orogens form at ocean-continent convergent plate margins. In this context, this Special Issue welcomes submissions focused on, but not limited to, the following topics:

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- Comparative analysis of the tectono-magmatic activity in accretionary vs. collisional orogenic belts, including the igneous rock assemblages in the orogens, their magma AFC (assimilation and fractional crystallization) processes, and the underlying geodynamic controls.
- Deciphering the formation and localization of the ore deposits in the accretionary or collisional orogenic belts, with special attention paid to the tectonicmagmatic backgrounds.
- Discussing the far-field effect of collisional orogeny on ancient accretionary/collisional orogens.

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