

Special Issue

Mineral Evolution and Mineralization during Weathering

Message from the Guest Editors

Weathering plays an essential role in the functioning of the Earth system. It is one of the key factors in the conversion of bedrock into soils, the shaping of Earth's surface and regulation of the long-term carbon cycle. The of this Special Issue invite colleagues to contribute papers concerning processes associated with mineral evolution and mineralization during weathering. This includes—but is not limited to—(1) the origin, formation, and transformation of clays in the surface weathering zone; (2) the structural and chemical characterization of near-surface mineral evolution that occurs during weathering; (3) studies of factors controlling the supergene processes that liberate, transport, and fix ore-forming elements in the critical zone, and generalized models to illustrate associated ore formation; (4) mission observations and laboratory-based, field-analog and theoretical studies that aim to understand clay minerals and weathering processes in terrestrial and extraterrestrial samples;

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