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Linking Metamorphism with Orogenesis

Message from the Guest Editors

Orogenesis is a complex concept that refers not only to mountain building but also to the formation of continental crust and major orogenic structures. Regional metamorphic rocks, which occupy the orogenic core, and hence, are the most important element of an orogen, contain information that may be used to determine the tectonothermal evolution of the crust in orogenic systems. Through observations of modern active convergent plate margins and comparisons with ancient analogues, two types of orogenesis have been suggested: the oceanic subduction-related accretionary type and the continent–continent collision type. This special Issue aims to contribute to existing knowledge of the links between metamorphism and different types of orogenesis, and to decipher tectonothermal evolution from subduction–accretion to collision in the continental orogenic belt.

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