

## Special Issue

# Clay Minerals as Indicators of Provenance and Paleoclimate in Sedimentary Environments

### Message from the Guest Editors

The interactions between the clay minerals and the environment are recorded by the mineralogical, textural, geochemical, paleontological, paleomagnetic, and isotopic properties, whose characterization allows the recognition of their chemical or physical weathering origin, widely controlled by the hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere, sedimentary provenance, transport, and depositional processes. The integration of various methodologies, including the investigation of relationships among topography, erosion, tectonic, and reconstructions of paleogeographic and paleoclimatic contexts, represents an innovative approach in order to contribute, at local, regional, or global scales, to the understanding of the Earth's surface processes and internal dynamics.

For this Special Issue, we invite you to publish your data on clay minerals that are indicators of provenance and paleoclimate in sedimentary deposits through geological times, aiming to improve the body of information on the history and surface dynamics of the planet.

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