

Special Issue

Granite: The Signature Rock of the Earth's Continental Crust

Message from the Guest Editors

Granite is the signature rock of the planet Earth. The continental crust of our planet has an average chemical composition that is approximately granitic. The Special issue is aimed at honoring the signature rock of the continental crust in all facets. We welcome contributions dealing with the mineralogy, geochemistry, stable and radiogenic isotope systematics, geochronology, ascent, origin, and tectonic setting of granitic rocks and their metamorphic equivalents. Appreciated are papers subjected to pegmatitic rocks and all types of ore mineralization genetically associated with granites. Equally welcome are studies devoted to the determination of their structural, physical, hydraulic, and thermal properties. This holds as well for geophysical works aimed at defining the size, extent, and shape of granite bodies, or dedicated to granitic rocks in the context of the study of the crustal temperature field and heat-flow determination. We specifically invite contributions focusing on granites for the storage of waste or as a geothermal resource for “green” heat and energy production.

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