

Special Issue

Kimberlites and Their Deep Cargo: Mineralogy, Geochronology and Isotope Chemistry

Message from the Guest Editors

It is our pleasure to announce a Special Issue of *Minerals* entitled “Kimberlites and Their Deep Cargo: Mineralogy, Geochronology, and Isotope Chemistry”. Since their discovery more than two centuries ago, interest in kimberlites has not diminished over the years. Kimberlite eruptions bring material from the lithosphere/asthenosphere boundary (~250 km and sometimes even deeper) to the uppermost parts of the Earth’s crust. Erupting through the Archean cratons kimberlites, they thus represent a unique archive of information on geological processes for the span of time from circa 3.6 Ga until the time of eruption. For this Special Issue, we invite the submission of papers and reviews of mineralogical, geochemical, and isotopic studies on the cratonic mantle, crustal and mantle xenoliths, diamonds, kimberlites, and kimberlite indicator minerals. We welcome fundamental and experimental studies to contribute to a better understanding of cratonic composition, evolution, thermal regime, and the processes that form and destroy diamonds.

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