

Special Issue

Footprints of Mineral Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Mineral deposits are local expressions of a mineral system that involve multiscale mass and energy transfer processes. The footprint of a deposit can be defined from the integration of several methods and, when well characterized, indicates important exploration vectors for the identification of new targets in mineralized terrains. The big challenge is to understand how mineralizing fluids affect the physical and chemical properties of rocks, but also the magnitude of interaction between fluids and host and temperature gradients related to the distance of the main fluid conduits.

This issue aims to highlight the latest advances in applied science to the understanding of the footprint of mineral systems, which highlights (1) geodynamics and mineral systems through integrated multidisciplinary approaches; (2) processes that form mineral deposits; (3) characterization of the footprint through geophysical, geochemical, petrophysical, and/or mineral mapping data; and (4) multisource data integration using expert systems, machine learning or artificial intelligence.

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