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Methods for Exploration of the Continental Crust

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The continental lithosphere not only provides many of the natural resources that are essential to the health of our society but also hosts many of our most serious natural hazards. Our current view of this critical portion of the Earth is informed by many major exploration initiatives that, over the past several decades, were largely stimulated by technological advances across a diverse span of methodologies. Examples range from deep controlled source seismic profiling to passive receiver functions derived from teleseismic sources, from tomography of local and teleseismic sources to surface wave tomography using ambient "noise", and from deep magnetotelluric sounding to satellite gravity measurements, all informed by the latest geological and geochemical advances.

In this Special Issue, we seek contributions that assess the impact of these technologies on our current understanding of the structure of the continental lithosphere and that highlight the recent technological advances that promise new insight into the persistent questions about its evolution.











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