



## Advances in the Petrography of Natural Fine-Grained Materials: A Microscale Answer to Their Genetic Pathways and Applications

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This Special Issue is focused on the petrography of fine-grained (mostly clay-sized) materials composed of minerals resulting from authigenesis, either from the transformation of previous crystalline or amorphous phases (precursors) or from direct precipitation (neof ormation). The correct interpretation of their textural features is of great help in the genetic interpretation of their constituent minerals and thus of their formation environment. These genetic environments include both continental and marine settings in which syngenetic, diagenetic and edaphic processes are responsible for the textural variations presented by the materials. Fine-grained materials related to hydrothermal processes are also included in this.





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