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# Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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#### **Editor-in-Chief**

Dr. Heike Knicker

#### **Aims**

Soil Systems (ISSN 2571-8789) is a new journal devoted to publishing reviews, regular research papers, communications and short notes focusing on biological, (bio) chemical, and physical processes operating within soils and sediments. We are particularly interested in studies or review articles that examine (or describe) coupled processes operating within these complex media that control element cycling, interactions occurring at the interface between soil minerals, organic matter, and microorganisms. Processes contributing to the development or loss of soils are also of interest.

#### Scope

- Soil development
- Soil degradation
- Biological and biogeochemical processes
- Chemical processes
- Physical processes
- Interactions on soil interfaces
- Impact of disturbance (fire, spills, flooding, overgrazing, erosion, etc.) on soil processes
- Impact of soil management on soil processes
- Soil as C and N sink
- Cycling of elements
- Nutrient cycling
- Soil-plant-microbiome interaction
- Dynamic of pollutants and xenobiotics in soils
- New analytical tools for a better understanding of soil processes

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