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**Mapping the Ocean - Closing the Gaps**

**Spring 2025**

Three quarters of the global ocean floor has never been mapped to modern standards. This special issue will cover a range of topics related to mapping the oceans.

## SPRING 2025 TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:

- ✓ The business, policy and societal drivers of why we need better maps
- ✓ The technology solutions, techniques and innovations that are needed to complete the task in a reasonable time frame at an affordable price
- ✓ Advances in long-range marine autonomous systems optimized for mapping
- ✓ Innovative mapping sensors
- ✓ How to harness Artificial Intelligence for seabed mapping
- ✓ Opportunities presented by improved satellite and aircraft remote sensing
- ✓ The role of industry, governments, institutions, volunteer effort, citizen science and indigenous knowledge
- ✓ Why mapping matters to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **MANUSCRIPT DEADLINE**  
November 29, 2024
- **AUTHORS RECEIVE REVIEWS**  
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- **AUTHORS SUBMIT REVISIONS**  
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- **AUTHORS RECEIVE 2ND ROUND OF REVIEWS**  
March 7, 2025
- **AUTHORS SUBMIT FINAL REVISIONS**  
March 14, 2025
- **AUTHORS RECEIVE PROOFS**  
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- **AUTHORS RETURN CORRECTED PROOFS**  
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- **ISSUE AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
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