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Themed Call for Papers

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Theme: *Challenge & Opportunity*

As we enter into the third decade of the 21st Century, there are few people on the planet today who are not experiencing a period of unprecedented and inescapable change, uncertainty and challenge. The impacts from the Covid-19 outbreak on health, working and living conditions alone will likely dominate our individual lifeworlds for decades to come. Even leaving aside the unexpected consequences from confronting the pandemic, the world stands at a crossroads in so many other domains: seismic shifts in geopolitical conditions, climatic changes, economic turmoil, pervasive technology and splintering social life experiences are clearly evidenced globally. From black lives matters to presidential elections, through the emergence of artificial intelligence and recognising environmental tipping points to confronting systematic inequalities. We are, as the aphorism suggests, seemingly cursed to live in the most interesting of times.

However, are such bleak analyses constructed in a simplistic and reductionist way, simply confronting anxieties driven through media and public sphere's obsession with spotlighting the negative? Is there a more positive lens through which they can be viewed? Could these emergent crises actually represent challenges to be overcome or even present us with a glimmering dawn of unprecedented opportunity and renewal? Rather than starting into the eternal abyss, could the human race indeed be about to embark, embrace and engage with revolutionary opportunities for betterment? Albeit, potentially framed in pain of rebirth and renewal. Alternatively, are we witness to a sea-change which empowers counters to the ideals of enlightened liberal democracies freedom of thought and expression which have been largely axiomatic in recent decades?

Manuscript Submissions

Hence, for the issue of *Exchanges* scheduled for publication in Spring 2021, we invite authors to submit original, exciting, insightful manuscripts for publication consideration inspired by this *Challenge and Opportunity* theme from within their own research or field. Authors are encouraged to consider contributing pieces which address any aspect, perspective, development or individuals related to this theme. Manuscript submissions as potential peer-reviewed research articles, or alternatively as critical reflection or conversation pieces, would all be welcomed under this call.

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Peer-reviewed articles
1st Nov 2020

Conversations or critical reflections:
28th February 2021.

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Review Papers: Summaries of the current understanding on topics, highlighting key papers and authors, developing trends and thought. **(3,000-5,000 words)***

Conversations: Dialogues with significant figures focusing on interdisciplinary contributions and scholarly insights. Ideally, these incorporate short biographical sketches on their subject's relevance and life journey. This is followed an interview transcript, usually followed by a bibliography of any relevant publications. **(3,000-5,000 words)^**

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