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Special Issue: **Social Justice in the contemporary world**

Call for Submissions - Papers

RTE opens a call for submissions for its Special Issue on Social Justice, out in September 2024.

The Special Issue is intended to explore knowledge and understanding of *social justice* as a major term of reference and concept of our time, encompassing a range of issues, contentions and concerns for societies and governance worldwide.

The RTE special issue is premised on recognizing *social justice* as both a theoretical concept and a practical ideal—an object of social-scientific and philosophical understanding and debate as well as a real-world goal of social and political mobilization. Ideals of social justice usually reflect historical, social-scientific and cultural circumstances in which they are pursued but as well commonalities across the world. Nonetheless, contemporary discussions and debates refer to a plethora of definitions and formulations, convergent or not with social, religious, philosophical and political concepts and understandings. There is no commonly agreed understanding nor an international normative definition of the term and concept *social justice*.

This key global and oft-politicized issue requires careful consideration with reference to ethics, to universal normative standards, and to social, philosophical and religious dimensions. The topic thus merits the deliberate academic-scientific exploration that RTE proposes in its 2024 Special Issue. This exploration is timely in view of the UN *World Social Summit* proposed in 2025 for the various discussions it will prompt.

A number of global issues, struggles, and revindications are associated with social justice, most have normative definitions and frameworks and are today taken up by campaigns, institutions, and policies across the world. These include: Human Rights; peace-building; development; safe, healthy and sustainable environment; *decent work*; health and universal health care/access; decent affordable housing; education and schooling; minimum basic income; *universal social protection*; non-discrimination-equality of treatment, inclusion and participation; gender equality; access to technology/*digital divide*; and human security, among others.

RTE invites submissions of overview articles on social justice and articles exploring relationships between topics above (and/or others) and a broad understanding of social justice in a contemporary world.

Questions that could be explored include:

- What are normative, ethical, philosophical, and popular meanings currently given to *social justice*?
- What topical and conceptual areas can be considered social justice components, issues, concerns?
- What challenges, distortions, cooptation arise regarding social justice terms, concepts and content?
Are there options for reaching broad common understandings on the concept and term *social justice*?
- What are current social justice issues and challenges and what are law, policy and practice responses to those challenges?

Schedule:

- Full Paper submission deadline: due to increased interest the deadline has been extended: June 15, 2024.
- Notification of accepted papers: August 15, 2024.
- Publication of Special issue 2024: September 30, 2024.

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