
Call for Papers

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on

NEW DIRECTIONS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THOUGHT

For European thinkers, it is fair to say that we live in "interesting times". Never before has theory had so many demands upon it. To embrace eclectic traditions within the sciences, humanities and social sciences in producing interdisciplinary and multi-faceted thinking about change in society. To coherently represent philosophical and ontological precepts, theoretical explanations and empirical evidence in showing the transparent relationships between "lifeworld" practice, theorisation and the ideas that inform the approach to and status of both the theorising and the constructing of knowledge. To link the abstract and rationalist notion of ordering things (or alternately rejecting order and rationality) in theory to the task of making sense of the complexity and nuanced nature of social life in a way that has practical value. To be a social theorist at the beginning of the 21st century is both exhilarating and challenging.

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invites submissions of papers for its next issue
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devoted to an exploration of the above topic. Contributions drawing on all fields of the humanities and the social sciences, but also transcending them, are welcome focusing primarily (though not exclusively) on issues such as:

- The current state of social theory
- Is positivist social thought dead?
- Relevance of Marxist social thought today?
- Should we all become postmodernists in social theory?
- Reconsidering social praxis
- Key social conceptions today
- Social ontology and social epistemology
- Radical social theory
- Social thought and gender studies
- Open issues in social theory

Submission Guidelines

Please follow the guidelines for submissions as stated on the cover or the website of HUMAN AFFAIRS.

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