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This Special Issue aims to identify and systematize four broad issues: (i) an updated comparison of the current situation of young people in the labor market, collecting evidence from many countries; (ii) the general and persistent reasons for the greater difficulties of young people in the labor market; (iii) the characteristics of the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on youth unemployment and on young workers; (iv) the opportunities possibly accruing for young people in the new economy characterizing the post-COVID world.

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