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The Open Society 2.0: Democracy in the Age of Social Media and Populism

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Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we aim to analyse the challenges of modern societies. In particular, we intend to produce a body of work written by the most competent researchers, which reflects the many risks facing open societies. This volume should become a record or reference for current and future generations looking at present-day society. Contributors are invited to analyse how modern societies fare in an unprecedented age of populism, supported by influential and powerful social media. Populism has existed before, but it has never enjoyed the platforms and channels of modern media.

This approach includes but is not limited to the following: revisiting the notion of an open society to see how its conception has changed since Popper. Today the complexity and reflexivity of modern societies have to be accounted for. Once the notion of an open society, with its emphasis on liberty and the rule of law, is clarified and updated, its many challenges can be assessed, including migration, fake news, civil disobedience, political correctness, the role of public trust and the ethics of AI, etc.



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