



City Politics During an Era of Global Populism

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

As populist leaders, parties and ideas grow in prominence internationally, cities face a new set of challenges and opportunities. This Special Issue analyzes how cities have influenced and/or been affected by this rise of political discontent. Additionally, it explores how cities' governments, leaders and/or citizens have responded, successfully or not, to populist pressures.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Political and/or societal relevance of urban–rural divisions
- Tension between national and local levels of government
- Quality of democracy and its capacity to mitigate political unrest
- Challenges of governing cities with contemporary societal and economic challenges
- Erosion of trust, social capital, and/or “civic” political cultures
- Importance of immigration, demographic changes and/or racial and ethnic diversity
- Role of structural economic influences, like unemployment and/or economic inequality
- Influence of media and/or new technologies
- Analysis of different ideological manifestations of populism (i.e., political right versus left)





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