

Special Issue

Critical Theories and the Future of Child and Youth Empowerment: A Genealogical Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

We welcome you to contribute to this Special Issue on critical theories of youth empowerment from a genealogical perspective. Critical approaches understand child and youth empowerment as a structural, political, and collective process through which young people contest power relations and act to transform the conditions shaping their lives (Ginwright & Cammarota, 2002). Contemporary work underscores the need to attend to intersectionality considering how race, gender, ableism, migration status, and related forces shape unequal access to participation and power.

Examples of themes considered include the following:

- Critical empowerment in youth policy;
- Racialized and colonial histories of child and youth empowerment;
- Youth activism;
- Queer and Trans youth;
- Youth development;
- Intersectionality and the limits of universalized child and youth empowerment;
- Institutions, surveillance, and the governmentality of young people;
- Cognitive justice and plural knowledges of empowerment;
- Participatory research and the politics of voice;
- Imagining future empowerment beyond the state;
- Forced migration and precarious mobility.

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