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## Current French Philosophy in Difficult Times

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### Message from the Guest Editors

As philosophers engaged with current French philosophy, we are profoundly aware of the difficult times in which we live. This is also because of the pandemic and its new and dangerous variants. Given the general feeling of crisis, many pre-existing issues have gained new prominence. This includes rising populism and nationalism, looming environmental catastrophe, forced migration and its limitations, the spread of disinformation and accompanying paranoia, limitations on freedom of thought and speech, and the tenuous position in society of thought in general and philosophy in particular. Additionally, we are concerned about the general disregard for anything new, as well as the ensuing hesitation to posit new structures and ideas, and to examine previously neglected methods and subjects in philosophy. If we are situated between the static order of the past and the seeming chaos of the future, the question will be, “How can we embrace complexity?”, that is, “How can we, without falling into chaos, make use of its resources to allow for the emergence of new ideas capable of taking measure of these difficult times?”.



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