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Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue aims to answer several interrelated research questions:

1. What are the different meanings, connotations, and accounts of vulnerability in the philosophical and bioethical literature? What relationships do they have amongst each other (e.g., are they compatible? Or do they exclude each other)?
2. What is the epistemological status of vulnerability as presented in the bioethical literature (i.e., is it a meta-level principle, or something else)?
3. What are the moral and political obligations, if any, that follow from the acknowledgment of vulnerability as reported in the bioethical literature?
4. What means are available to address vulnerability? Are there socio-political measures that can be implemented?

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