



## Political Correctness—Towards a Global Ethos

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Political correctness is presently culturally embedded in a particular socio-historical context, that of the political debates of Western Societies. It stigmatizes some values and promotes norms from the point of view of these societies.

It is important to investigate the concepts, assumptions, contentions and controversies of political correctness, to understand how it is practiced, how it develops, how it can be constructed. Many issues can be addressed:

- Origin and development of the expression “political correctness” and its correlated semantical network in lay thinking and in the public debate.
- The sensible topics of political correctness: liberty, economy, religion, human and animal rights, sexuality, health, education, nature preservation.
- The, so to say, “ten commandments” of political correctness: what is good or/and bad according to political correctness, which actions, for which reasons in what contexts? And why?
- How political correctness is related to central philosophical questions, such as the meaning of life, truth and happiness.





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