

Special Issue

Contingency, Crisis, and the Political: Political Ontology in the Post-Truth Epoch

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue explores the post-truth condition not as a passing anomaly, but as a symptom of a deeper ontological crisis—the dislocation of foundation in political thought. Rather than seeking to restore certainty, we ask: what becomes of critique, normativity, and political subjectivity when truth no longer functions as a shared ground? We invite contributions engaging with post-foundationalist political theory, which rejects both metaphysical necessity and epistemic nihilism. Thinkers such as Laclau, Mouffe, Lefort, Rancière, Butler, and Balibar offer insight into the political as contingent, conflictual, and always under construction. Topics include: post-truth and epistemic authority; hegemony and discursive theory; the symbolic void; political antagonism; foundations, affect, and critique. We welcome theoretical, philosophical, and critical essays that rethink politics through the absence of ultimate grounds.

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