

Special Issue

Critical Theory in the Age of Digital Capitalism

Message from the Guest Editors

The tradition of Critical Theory emerged as an interdisciplinary philosophical response to the social transformations of modern capitalist societies. From its beginnings, it has sought to understand how economic structures, social institutions, and technological developments shape forms of domination as well as possibilities for emancipation. Today, the rapid expansion of digital technologies—ranging from social media and algorithmic platforms to generative artificial intelligence—has profoundly reshaped social interaction, political communication, and processes of identity formation. These developments raise pressing questions about power, domination, and freedom in contemporary societies. This Special Issue invites original contributions that explore the relationship between Critical Theory and the dynamics of digital capitalism. We welcome papers engaging with the Frankfurt School tradition as well as related approaches in contemporary social and political philosophy. Topics may include, but are not limited to: algorithmic culture, attention economies, digital labour, AI and social power, online radicalisation, and the transformation of public discourse.

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