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Catholic Social Thought in the Era of the Un-Common Good

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This Special Issue will focus upon the challenges and possibilities of magisterial Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and thought in the current and newly complex era of the 21st century, in particular in light of the rise of right-wing populism, isolationism, and nationalism both globally and particularly coming from the United States of America. It will seek to explicate the historical legacy of CST and to apply it to specific issues in this emerging global climate. CST and Catholic social thought seek to offer prudential judgments based in scripture, tradition, philosophy, and expert analysis from myriad realms of human knowledge, theory and practice. See, Judge, Act, as John XXIII clarified. This Special Issue seeks to draw upon practitioners of Catholic social thought, necessarily in conversation with CST, but also therefore, necessarily, not simply Catholic theologians. Proposals from myriad disciplines are welcome (e.g., theology, philosophy, economics, political science, sociology, etc.), but it is essential to have robust engagement with magisterial CST from a clearly identifiable academic field.

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