



Youth and Social and Political Action in a Time of Austerity

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Evidence suggests that young people are becoming disillusioned with democracy in many contemporary societies. This is most visibly reflected in a global pattern of generational electoral inequality that sees them significantly less likely to participate in electorally-based politics than their older contemporaries. However, there are two important caveats. Firstly, there is considerable debate as to whether such developments are permanent or reversible. Secondly, there is evidence that their apparent disconnection from institutionalised politics has its parallel in a global tendency towards participation in new styles of action that seem to better fit their political aspirations.

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