

## Special Issue

# The Innovation Imperative: Survival, Adaptation, and Conflict in the Post-Consensus World

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This Special Issue centers on "The Innovation Imperative: Survival, Adaptation, and Conflict in the Post-Consensus World". It critically examines how innovation, particularly that driven by artificial intelligence (AI), algorithmic systems, and digital transformation, is being mobilized in response to the complex challenges of an increasingly fragmented global society. The focus lies on how innovation is not only a tool for progress, but a strategic necessity in contexts of socio-political disruption, institutional erosion, and epistemic uncertainty. The Special Issue invites interdisciplinary contributions from across the social sciences and humanities, including but not limited to media studies, communication, economics, sociology, political science, computer science, tourism, architecture, and environmental studies. We encourage submissions that explore innovation from diverse epistemological, cultural, and geopolitical perspectives. Contributions may focus on specific case studies, comparative analyses, theoretical frameworks, or systemic critiques, with relevance to local, regional, or global contexts.

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