

Special Issue

Contemporary Challenges to Democracy, Citizenship and Political Participation

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of *Social Sciences* will focus on contemporary challenges to democracy, citizenship and participation in democratic regimes across the globe. The objective is to elucidate the nature of these challenges by identifying both their etiology and their consequences for democratic regimes. A broad range of challenges confront democratic regimes across the globe. Increasing wealth disparities and growing economic insecurity often fuel the perception that the political system privileges the wealthy. Economic inequity and insecurity erode trust in democratic institutions, established political parties, and elites. Distrust in government discourages participation, particularly among marginalized groups, eroding civic engagement and voter turnout and exacerbating political polarization. Political polarization can originate from partisan and ideological extremism and the unwillingness of partisan competitors to compromise. It can also originate from identity politics, in which competing groups increasingly view one another as adversaries with little to nothing in common.

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