

## Special Issue

# Contemporary Challenges: Low-Income Households and Social Support

### Message from the Guest Editor

As we near a full second year of a pandemic, both new and long-standing social issues have been brought into sharper focus. Those at the other end of the labour market lost jobs or faced daily risks of infection and the challenges of unsafe working conditions and insecure employment. While social isolation has challenged all of us, for those confined to inadequate housing, with children and minimal income, these past months have posed unprecedented challenges. More positively, we have witnessed in many parts of the globe renewed interventions by the state in supporting social welfare and widespread acknowledgement that the effects of COVID-19 have impacted those who were already marginalized, yet we face an uncertain future in terms of lasting commitments to reduce growing social inequality. This Special Issue invites contributions from across the globe to examine these issues through conceptual, theoretical and empirical papers.

Contributions are welcomed that illuminate and elucidate our understandings of social inequality in low-income households in the context of a global crisis that has exacerbated inequality and raised hopes and demands for meaningful social change.

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