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Special Issue Call for Papers:

Young People Between Conventional Politics and Unconventional Resistance

Across Europe and beyond, young people are increasingly positioned at the intersection of political disengagement and emerging forms of participation. The global crises of recent years have spilled over into local and regional contexts, leading to the growth of authoritarian tendencies and the emergence of new and different types of political responses. While declining trust in institutions, electoral abstention, and scepticism toward representative democracy are widely documented, these processes coexist with the proliferation of new, often informal and unconventional modes of political engagement. New generations of young people are developing their own ways of acting politically, through forms such as digital activism, protests, blockades, and the occupation of public spaces.

This *Sociology and Space* special issue seeks to address this gap by exploring how young people navigate, negotiate, and transform the boundaries between institutional and unconventional politics. It invites contributions that critically rethink the meaning of political action by focusing on practices that may not be immediately recognised as political, yet profoundly shape contemporary forms of engagement, belonging, and dissent. The special issue aims to bring together empirical and theoretical work that advances our understanding of youth political agency in contexts of uncertainty, transformation, and institutional crisis. We invite contributions addressing, but not limited to:

- Young people and conventional politics
- Everyday resistance and informal political practices
- Digital activism and online participation
- The role of affect and identity in political engagement
- New forms of collective action
- Local, national, and transnational political practices
- Links between activism, lifestyle, and everyday life
- Changing forms of citizenship and belonging among youth

We welcome empirical, theoretical, and methodological contributions from sociology and related disciplines. Comparative, interdisciplinary, and ethnographically grounded approaches are particularly encouraged. Authors are encouraged to draw on established approaches in youth studies, such as youth participation, the sociology of generations, political socialisation, youth (sub)cultures and activism, urban activism, and the life-course perspective, as well as broader sociological, political psychology, and political science frameworks.

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