



The Facets of Altruism and Their Implications for Individual and Collective Wellbeing

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Caring for the wellbeing of others does not come without costs, be it in the form of time, money, energy, information, or organ donation. Unlike prosocial behavior and cooperation, which aim at creating benefits for all, altruism is purely other-oriented in its most genuine form. Arguably, this distinction may be crucial when it comes to the world's most challenging problems, including mass migration and climate change whose solutions are likely to incur costs to people and societies here and now while benefiting unknown others or future generations.

This Special Issue is concerned with the forms of altruism that may exist, their relation to each other on the one hand, and to prosociality and morality on the other. We will explore from a multidisciplinary perspective both the caring and confrontational forms of altruism. We will elucidate the cognitive and neurobiological mechanisms underlying these forms as well as their psychological effects at the individual, group, and societal levels. Multiple methods of assessment will be demonstrated, and ethical, ecological, and political implications will be discussed.

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