Agency and Autonomy in the Age of Hyperconnectivity

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Message from the Guest Editors

The present interconnectedness of individuals, societies and markets is unprecedented - the world has become hyper-connected and extremely interdependent. As a consequence, a global society has emerged, and everything is influenced ubiquitously.

The establishment of interdependencies between individuals is fundamental for the creation of social systems. In doing so, individuals inevitably lose part of their autonomy in pursuit of a collective purpose. The current digital societies and lack of physical distances are changing traditional paradigms. Philosophical reflections are required to frame and understand their consequences and effects.

This special issue will explore the behavior of individuals and the properties of social systems in the age of hyper-connectivity. Aspects of human behavior such as the sense of purpose, autonomy or agency, and the capacity for acting independently or collectively are affected. Are humans becoming more constrained? Are their actions decoupling from one another? What sort of social dynamics are expected next?

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