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## **NEET Youth: Experiences, Needs, and Aspirations**

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Contemporary generations of youth are contending with considerable challenges in their day-to-day lives and transitions to/through adulthood. Rising living costs, the existential threat of climate change, and the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are compounding ingrained socio-structural problems that acutely impact youth across the globe, including economic downturns, weakened opportunity structures, declining state support, and widening inequalities. Concern is mounting about the living standards and prospects of youth, but young people categorized as NEET (not in employment, education, or training) are often among the most precarious, given their insecurity. risks of economic heightened marginalization, and socioeconomic disadvantage. This Special Issue aims to provide a platform for researchers to share their research with NEET-experienced youth that examines the experiences, needs, challenges, and/or aspirations of this diverse and poorly understood group of voung people.



