

Journal Publication

The special issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Frontiers in Sociology*, focuses on the link between austerity politics, social inequality and the rise of populism. It is part of the outreach activities for the project Canada-Europe Dialogues on Democracy: Democratic deficit and the rise of populism in Europe (CEDoD). CEDoD is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, housed at the Centre for Global Studies, and was carried out under the framework of the EU-Canada Network (www.eucanet.org) at the University of Victoria (2018-2020).

Title of the special issue:

A Decade After the Collapse: Financial Crises, Austerity, and Their Responses

Description: A decade and more after the global financial crisis disrupted economies and plunged several states into social and political turmoil, the time is right for researchers to stop and take stock. The crisis – or indeed serial crises – prompted states in Europe and North America to enact a host of disparate measures to stabilize their economies and their societies. In some states, the tool of choice was that of fiscal austerity; drastically reducing public spending while engaging in structural reforms designed to deregulate, and thereby stimulate stagnant national economies. This approach was controversial to say the least, and it drew strong criticism, not only from opposing political parties, but from whole segments of society as well. The Special issue examines how the financial crises reshaped or re-articulated the goals and visions of both populist right-wing and left-wing politics, and to study what relationship – if any – austerity has to the rise of xenophobic, nationalist, and reactionary movements in Europe and North America.

Articles:

- Maria Sigrídur Finnsdóttir, **The Costs of Austerity: Labor Emigration and the Rise of Radical Right Politics in Central and Eastern Europe.**
- Edwin Hodge, **The Sovereign Ascendant: Financial Collapse, Status Anxiety, and the Rebirth of the Sovereign Citizen Movement**
- Oliver Schmidtke, **Politicizing Social Inequality: Competing Narratives From the Alternative for Germany and Left-Wing Movement Stand Up**
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Book Publication

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