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Editor's Introduction
"Change and Crisis"

To say that the past many months have been a period of crisis, is, likely an understatement. Globally, we are faced with the on-going "crisis" of a pandemic that has made all too apparent structural inequalities among and within states. We also witnessed the "crisis" in race as the brutal police murder of George Floyd sparked protests in the United States and beyond, calling for racial justice, defunding the police, and meaningful transformation of racist structures, institutions, and systems. And, ever-present but also recently brought to bold relief by the International Panel on Climate Change report, is the existential threat we all face because of the climate "crisis". In fact, in the face of so many "crises" it can be difficult to see a way toward revolutionary transformation and positive change. Arguably, the central task for socialists, as both activists and scholars, is to build a real, concrete alternative to capitalist production and social relations.

As we "roll-out" articles, research notes, reviews, and opinion pieces over the next 12 months, inevitably crisis in multiple forms will be present. But we also look for pathways toward positive change and transformation. A kind of "Gramscian" optimism.

We continue to invite submissions from authors on topics that are wide-ranging and interdisciplinary. Pandemic constraints have impacted our review process but we hope to speed things up again this Fall. If you have interest and time to be a reviewer, please, sign-up!