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**Call for Papers: Special issue of *The Journal of Social Encounters*:
"Solidarity in Theory and Practice" August 2023**

Deadline for abstracts: April 1, 2023. Please send an abstract of 150-200 words by April 1, 2023 to Dr. Ron Pagnucco, JSE Coordinating Editor, at rpagnucco@csbsju.edu, Feedback on the abstract will be provided in one-two weeks.

(Please note that essays not on the special issue theme of solidarity also will be considered for publication.)

Description of the Special Issue:

We come across many uses of the word “solidarity” today -- ethnic solidarity, worker solidarity, solidarity with the poor, global solidarity – the list goes on. Some analysts discuss solidarity in an empirical, descriptive way, as the degree of unity in a group or between groups. Others focus on solidarity as a moral duty of support for those experiencing some type of difficulty. As used in much of the scholarly literature, the concept of solidarity often includes a descriptive (empirical) dimension and/or moral (normative) dimension.

Our working definition of solidarity for this special issue includes both empirical and moral/normative dimensions. Drawing from the scholarly literature, we define solidarity as a certain type of relationship that has the following components: the relationship is seen by its participants as being one of interdependence and unity; in which there is shared identity, interests, feelings of belonging (a “we feeling”) and mutual moral obligations and behaviors. One way to determine with whom we see ourselves in solidarity is to answer the questions: “Should we support them? Should we support us?” The “us” is our solidary group, or “in-group.” The “them” is an “out-group” with which we do not share solidarity. Behaviors towards one's in-groups and out-groups usually vary in negative ways (hostility, indifference) and positive ways (concern, altruism). Exactly who “them” is, and what, if any, moral obligations we have to “them” often is a topic of much debate within solidary groups and among scholars. How exclusive or inclusive a solidary group is can also be a topic of debate.

Possible essay topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Conceptualizations of solidarity in the humanities, including literature, ethics, philosophy, and religious studies.
2. Conceptualizations of solidarity in the social/behavioral sciences.
3. Empirical studies of solidarity including case studies and quantitative studies.
4. Solidarity Ethics.
5. Solidarity, inclusion/exclusion, and in-grouping/out-grouping.
6. Solidarity, social cohesion and the common good.
7. Solidarity, libertarianism and communitarianism.

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8. Solidarity, human rights. and social justice.
9. Solidarity, allyship, coalitions. and social movements.
10. Levels of solidarity: local, national, regional, global.
11. How solidarity is built/barriers to solidarity.
12. Solidarity, bonding, bridging and linking.
13. Social, economic and/or political structures and policies of solidarity in theory/practice.
14. Solidarity, conflict and peacebuilding.
15. Solidarity and non-European cultural conceptualizations of belonging/interdependence, such as the African cultural concept of Ubuntu.

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