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Responsibility and Justice for Future Generations in Dialogue with Phenomenology

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In the last few decades, the topic of justice for future people has found its most representative and influential positions in contractarian, utilitarian, liberal, and libertarian approaches. One may wonder what the so-called *Continental* philosophical tradition, specifically phenomenology, may contribute to the issue of intergenerational justice or responsibility. This issue of *Metodo* is motivated by the hope that Continental approaches in general, and phenomenological as well as post-structuralist perspectives in particular, can shed new light on this increasingly important and urgent topic.

Thus, we invite scholars to develop ways in which phenomenology and related perspectives can help reconceive, or provide justificatory underpinnings for, responsibility towards future generations, or critically engage with extant approaches or mainstream theories. Many extant theories of intergenerational justice in the fields of ethics, politics, and law, crucially recur upon moral intuitions that in the case of justice for future people may no longer remain unquestioned in their genesis, or extrinsic to the theoretical structure. Furthermore, extant theories may insufficiently interrogate a primacy inadvertently granted to the present, or they may bypass the question of temporality by advocating a meta-temporal approach, or fail to genuinely address the function that futurity plays within an ethics that seeks to address the issue of future generations. Finally, given the otherness of future people, an ethics for the future should consider the pivotal role that the alterity of the moral other plays in the realms of ethics, politics and law.

Suggested topics for papers may include but are not limited to:

- Intergenerational responsibility and justice from a phenomenological, hermeneutic, or post-structuralist perspectives.
- Phenomenological, hermeneutic, or post-structuralist critiques of major extant theories devoted to the issue of intergenerational obligations.
- The importance of the notion of futurity (of generations) in ethics, politics, and law.
- The relation between future ethics and environmental ethics in phenomenology (e.g., in eco-phenomenology).

- A phenomenology of future generations: whose generations – of humans, non-human animals etc.?
- The role of future ethics and future democracy in the thought of primary authors in the areas of phenomenology and/or post-structuralism (such as Husserl, Heidegger, Arendt, Merleau-Ponty, Lévinas, Derrida, Marion, Nancy, Waldenfels, etc.)

Abstracts and papers should be [submitted online](#). Submitted papers (in English, German, French, Spanish, or Italian) must be in accordance with the [Basic Principles of Metodo](#), and follow the [Author Guidelines](#). All contributions will be peer-reviewed by two anonymous referees. The editorial board advises authors writing articles in non-native languages to have their texts proofread prior to submission.

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