

Call for Chapter Proposals

Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2024

A Project of the Justice 21 Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

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Chapter Drafts Due: September 01, 2023

Final Chapter Due: December 01, 2023

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The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) and the Justice 21 Committee are beginning our work on the seventh iteration of the publication the *Agenda for Social Justice*. This iteration of the series – *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2024* – is the US-nationally focused volume that coincides with the US Presidential election cycle. It is designed to inform the public-at-large about America’s most pressing social problems and to propose actionable responses and solutions to those social problems.

This project affirms the resiliency and commitment of the SSSP to social justice scholarship. This volume will be an “agenda for social justice,” in that it will contain specific recommendations for action for elected officials, policy makers, and community members.

This work is scheduled to be published by Policy Press, an academic publisher at the [University of Bristol, UK](#), as a project in public sociology.

We ask you, individually or with colleagues, to submit a brief proposal (1-2 pages max.) identifying a significant social problem in America. The proposal should include responses to each of the following prompts:

- *Identify and define a concrete social problem of national scope; and then answer the following three prompts:*
 - o *Prompt 1: Clearly define the social problem and scope of the social problem for a non-specialist/generalist audience (i.e., what is the definition and extent of the social problem?).*
 - o *Prompt 2: Describe how we know this is a pressing social problem (i.e., what are the sources of data, information, or evidence that tell us about this social problem?).*
 - o *Prompt 3: Explain the kinds of law, policy or social actions that can alleviate the social problem. These should be viable and actionable solutions for reducing, mitigating, solving, or abolishing the social problem.*

Please submit a copy of your 1 to 2-page proposal using the [Google Form](#) by May 01, 2023. Chapter drafts will be due September 01, 2023, and final manuscripts will be due December 01, 2023. Final contributions will be limited to 3000 words maximum (or roughly ten double-spaced manuscript pages). The volume is expected to launch in August 2024.

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For more information on the **J-21 Project**, see Robert Perrucci's presidential address in the May 2001 issue of *Social Problems* ("[Inventing Social Justice](#)"). Past rapid response e-volumes produced by the J-21 committee are on the following [SSSP webpage](#).

Topics of Interest Include, but are not limited to:

- Agricultural and Food Policy
- Authoritarianism
- #BLM Black Lives Matter
- Children's Rights/Issues
- Climate Change
- Commodity Chains
- Corporate Regulation
- Crime and Justice
- Declining Middle Class
- Disability Rights
- Drug Policy
- Economic Policy & Inequality
- Education
- Employment/Unemployment
- Energy Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Family Policy
- Financial Systems
- Foreign Policy
- Gender Equity
- Global/Regional Governance
- Globalization
- Green Economy
- Gun Violence/Control
- Hate Crimes & Groups
- Health Care Policy
- Human Rights & Violations
- Human Trafficking/Slavery
- Immigration/Border Issues
- Income Security/Social Security
- Indigenous Rights
- Internet/Digital Policy
- Journalism & Journalistic Issues
- Labor Issues and Rights
- LGBTQ+ Rights
- Mass Incarceration
- Mass Media
- #MeToo Movement
- Migration
- Militarization
- Minority Rights
- Nationalism
- National Security
- Nuclear Policy
- Police Violence & Militarization
- Political Processes/Campaign Finance
- Population/Demography
- Privacy/Surveillance
- Protest Movements
- Racism

- Refugees/Asylum/Detention
- Religious Issues
- Reproductive Rights
- Resource Extraction
- Rule of Law
- Sex Work & Sex Workers
- Sexual Assault and Harassment

- Social Welfare Systems
- Student Loans
- Terrorism
- Trade Agreements
- Violence against Women
- Voting Rights/Barriers
- War/Peace