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CfP: Social Justice in the Age of Social Media

“The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” How does this statement, a favorite of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as he advocated for social justice a half-century ago, resonate now? Digital social networks have aided the #MeToo movement, on the one hand, while giving rise to ISIS on the other. The initial celebratory assessments have faded in the face of cyberbullying, invasive algorithmic monitoring by corporations, and political disinformation campaigns that have grown so powerful that they can mold civic discourse however they see fit on a global scale. Privatized and political surveillance has paved the way for what scholars are now calling the era of postdemocracy, where online scrutiny combines with attitudinal polarization, inequality, and discrimination to erode the foundations of the liberal democratic order. Indeed, in our neoliberal moment, it is safe to ask if the arc bent away from justice under the sway of these nascent online ecosystems and tools of digital oversight. However, does this mean social justice no longer has a place in this era of Big Data and networked surveillance?

Verbum Incarnatum: An Academic Journal of Social Justice, a peer-reviewed journal published annually, is dedicating this year’s issue to explorations of questions that probe the relation that obtains (or does not obtain) between social media and social justice.

We are interested in submissions that address the following topics, among others:

- Data mining
- Machine learning
- Digital curation
- The Digital Divide and access to ICT
- Weaponization of Harassment by individuals, NGO’s, and governments
- Content moderation
- Misinformation studies, including disinformation and “fake news”
- Internet of Things
- Surveillance Capitalism
- Predictive policing
- Data extraction
- Data justice
- The future of privacy
- Neoliberalism