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The journal is associated with Brookings Institution's Center on Social Dynamics and Policy, International Sociological Association, the International Association of Social Work which applies advanced methods to study social dynamics, policy implications, and to provide insights into improving societal outcomes. Research articles in the journal often delve into themes like the influence of economic policies on mental health, the role of technology in societal changes, and the dynamics of public opinion and social change.

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Smith, J. (2023, July 15). New policies on climate change. The New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/example>

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the inaugural issue of E-Journal Panorama, a new venture from the Global Center for Sociological Dynamic Research (GCS DR). This journal represents a significant milestone in our ongoing mission to explore, understand, and address the dynamic sociological landscapes shaping the world today.

At GCS DR, we believe that sociological research is vital to addressing contemporary global challenges and fostering meaningful dialogue. E-Journal Panorama aims to be a platform where innovative ideas, rigorous research, and insightful analyses converge to illuminate the complex social phenomena influencing societies worldwide.

In this first issue, we present a diverse range of articles that reflect the breadth and depth of contemporary sociological inquiry. From studies examining the impact of digital transformation on social structures, to research exploring socio-economic disparities and their implications, each contribution offers a unique perspective on the issues that define our era.

Our contributors are leading scholars and practitioners who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their work. Their research not only advances theoretical understanding but also provides practical insights that can inform policy and practice. We are proud to showcase their work and are confident that it will stimulate further discussion and research.

As we embark on this journey with E-Journal Panorama, we invite our readers to engage with the content, reflect on the findings, and contribute to the ongoing discourse. We are committed to fostering a collaborative environment where ideas can flourish and where the sociological community can come together to address the pressing challenges of our time.

I take this opportunity to invite your contributions for future issues of the journal. We look forward to your feedback and suggestion to the continued growth of E-Journal Panorama as a leading forum for sociological research and discussion.

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