

Editor's Note



I wind up my term as Editor of *Social Development Issues*. The International Consortium of Social Development (ICSD)—an organization that we commemorate on its 50th anniversary—is owed credit and admiration for establishing *SDI* as one of the leading journals in *Social Development*.

The world order is on the cusp of multipolar disarray fraught with staggering platitudes. *Social Development*—academically and pragmatically—must address these issues, old and new, “beyond mountains”. *Social Developmentality* has a chance to ward off the worrisome outcome of globalized capitalism. “Shrink the Economy, and Save the World,” says Japanese scholar Kohel Saito.¹

New Inequality—in the wake of paradoxical advancements—is a hydra-headed monster incubated by innate and acquired territorial pugnacity. The rise of a new Unicorn, and simultaneously unthinkable poverty, is an undeniable reality. *Social development* has a historical opportunity to save us from ourselves. The apocalyptic conflicts—from Ukraine to Gaza-Israel, Sudan to Yemen, Haiti to Taiwan, and Washington to Moscow and Beijing—shatter my trust in human ingenuity. *Homines sapientes* might not overcome their death wish if destructive proclivities cannot transcend the fallout of human avarice and anxieties. *Return of the Leviathan*,² I submit, represents the lost romance of the fabled Enlightenment.

It is my privilege to introduce and welcome Dr. Philip Hong, Professor & Dean, Georgia, Social Work, whose intellect and dynamism will lead *SDI* into the future. I am honored to be succeeded by a scholar whose scholarship is an inspiration to us all.

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¹Cf. Jennifer Szalai, “Shrink the Economy, Save the World.” *The New York Times*, June 11, 2024: C 1.

²https://www.researchgate.net/publication/377696372_ReturnOfTheLeviathan-The_LostEnlightenment

