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Youths have experienced globalization in a tremendously diverse way. This special issue focuses on the youths in Asia to highlight their unique experiences, responses and reflections with the global forces. This individual encountering can be conceptualized as micro-level globalism, versus a large, structural global system. The main concern is that such globalism is highly diverse, and in this manner represents young Asian people’s embedding in the global social transformation as well as immersion in cosmopolitan reflections. Young people, ranging from college students seeking
credentials from universities overseas, through manual workers in construction sites in bourgeoning cities or the professional middle class joining the team of global talents in international firms, exemplifies varieties of global exposure which have substantial implications for both the origin and host societies. Even the conspicuous consumption of new young arrivals financed by their rich parents should be considered a novel phenomenon for better understanding the surreal avant-garde of a global generation.

Emphatically, globalism is a broad concept that accommodates border-crossing, transnational networking, and cosmopolitan values which evolve while encountering globalization. These different activities and interactions also generate new opportunities, possibilities, and identities as well as destinies for global youths. How these elements and forces play out for specific groups in different places is most intriguing. The challenge is to develop systematic conceptions to compare and understand the agencies and meanings of global activities and to assess their enduring influences for young Asian people involved in global currents.

We look forward to new research on various forms of globalism. By stressing “varieties” in this special call, we particularly welcome papers that look at young people’s global exposure at different sites or regions. A more specific, local point of view can be considered if it clearly represents national or regional responses to global flows or trends. Papers that offer new empirical findings or explore new theoretical and methodological frontiers are particularly encouraged.

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