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Can We Fix the Global Crisis? Obstacles and Opportunities

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Abstract

The current global crisis may be the most difficult challenge that modern civilization has ever confronted. It is both deep and multi-dimensional, and prevailing economic and political imaginaries do not seem capable of recognizing, much less overcoming the crisis. Four dimensions of the global crisis delimited: economic, ecological, geopolitical (power), and axiological (values). Three avenues of response will be explored and evaluated: global governance (crisis management); 'moral globalization'; and global revolution. The presentation ends with a call for a new political imaginary for the 21st century.