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FOR SECTION ON  
**GLOBAL CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY  
TRANSFORMATIONS: TECHNOLOGY-SOCIETY  
INTERFACE**

The University of California Press launches *Global Perspectives* (GP), an online-only, peer-reviewed, transdisciplinary journal seeking to advance social science research and debates in a globalizing world, specifically in terms of concepts, theories, methodologies, and evidence bases. Taking advantage of the multi-media publishing opportunities presented for academic journals today, works published in the journal are enriched by invited commentaries and annotations.

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## GLOBAL CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATIONS: TECHNOLOGY-SOCIETY INTERFACE

Digitalization, big data, artificial intelligence, autonomous technical systems, biotechnologies and nanotechnology will transform societies and economies profoundly – an in the context of climate change and environmental degradation. A cornerstone of global sustainability transformations is the reconfiguration of the global order: The world is economically, technologically, and ecologically highly integrated and interconnected, but socially, culturally, and politically fragmented. The impact of technological drivers on societies and the global order are ill understood: new power patterns and different inequality mechanism can emerge, and democracy and privacy might be challenged. Transferring the authority to make decisions to technical systems offers opportunities for problem solving based on machine learning, but also involves the risk of losing control over societal processes. *Global Perspectives* welcomes contributions that speak to these issues.

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