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– Susan S. Silbey, Guest Editor



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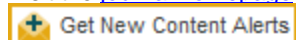
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