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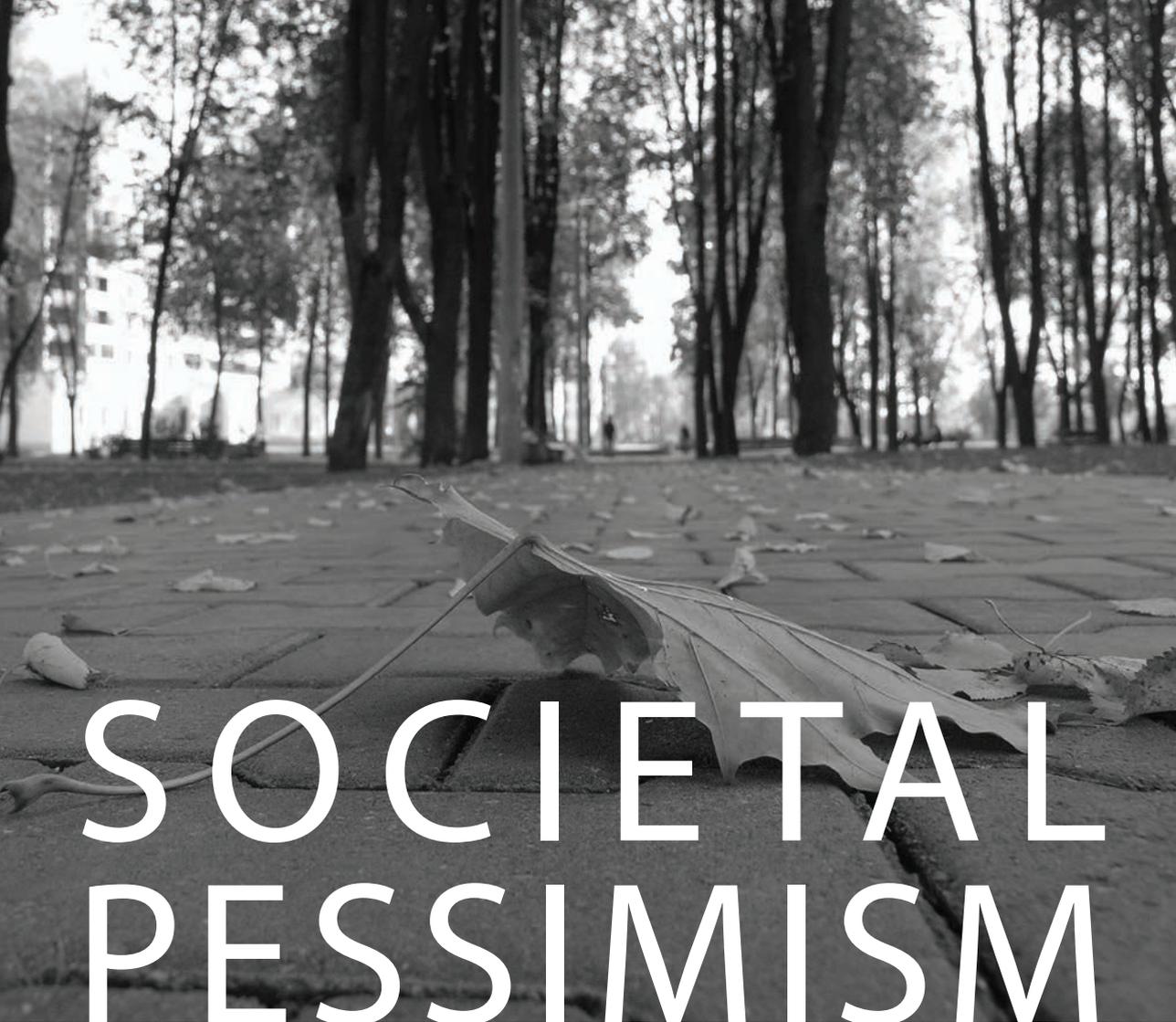
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*To my parents,
Ellen and Hans*

“The general sense was that we were heading for something nasty but hard to foresee, impossible to avoid. There was a suspicion that the ‘social fabric’ was about to unravel, though no one really knew what this would entail”

Ian McEwan in *Sweet Tooth* (2012: 189)

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