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Call for Papers

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The *Business and Human Rights Journal* (*BHRJ*) is a peer-reviewed open-access academic journal published by Cambridge University Press. Since its launch at the 4th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights in November 2015, the journal has established itself as the leading journal in the business and human rights (BHR) field. Clarivate's 2023 Journal Citation Reports give *BHRJ* an Impact Factor of 2.2, thus putting the journal in the first quartile of law journals. *BHRJ* is also ranked 13th in Google Scholar's 'Top Publications' list for international law journals.

BHRJ provides an authoritative platform for scholarly debate on all BHR issues in an open, critical and interdisciplinary manner. It publishes original works of the highest scholarly quality from diverse theoretical, empirical and policy perspectives.

The Editors welcome submissions of scholarly articles on all BHR-related topics and encourage scholars and researchers from all geographic regions and academic disciplines to submit their work for consideration. We also encourage emerging scholars as well as scholars from the Global South to consider the journal as a potential outlet for their work.

The journal aims to continue to publish groundbreaking and innovative work that addresses new challenges relating to BHR and which also explores larger theoretical questions relating to corporate accountability and the centrality of human rights to business. We particularly encourage submissions on these topics. They include (but are not limited to):

- BHR 'interlinkages' with other issues such as climate change, trade and investment, development, migration, modern slavery, corruption and conflicts
- How BHR can responds to structural issues such as shareholder primacy, growing inequalities, power imbalances and exploitative business models
- Empirical studies assessing the impact of human rights due diligence laws, policies and business practices in advancing business respect for human rights and improving access to remedy
- Conceptualization of the relationship between human rights and corporate accountability
- Differentiated impact of business activities on individuals or groups at heightened risks of abuses

- The relationship between the Sustainable Development Goals, the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) disclosure and the BHR agenda
- How advisors (e.g., lawyers and consultants) and actors in the finance sector (e.g., banks and investors) can use their leverage to promote business respect for human rights
- The political role of corporations and how lobbying activities and corporate capture of states impacts business respect for human rights
- The role of businesses in defending civic space and protecting human rights defenders
- Impact of new technologies such as facial recognition, big data, artificial intelligence and machine learning on human rights

Beyond these specific directions of BHR scholarship, the Editors welcome submissions on a broad range of topics, using a variety of research methods.

Submissions

In addition to publishing scholarly articles, *BHRJ* also features a 'Developments in the Field' (DiF) section, which includes short pieces that highlight key policy, legal and regulatory developments, as well as case studies and insight pieces by academics, practitioners, human rights advocates, and policymakers. Further information on the content and format for DiF submissions is available online

The recommended length (including footnotes) is 9,000-12,000 words for articles and 1,500-2,500 words for DiF pieces.

Please submit all content through our online submission system, Scholar One. More details are available on the website regarding instructions for scholarly articles, DiF pieces and book reviews.

BHRJ considers submissions on a rolling basis. *It has an exclusive submission policy*.

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