The *Business and Human Rights Journal* (BHRJ) welcomes submissions for the Developments in the Field (DiF) section from a wide variety of contributors including scholars, human rights advocates, government officials, civil society actors and business representatives. *DiF submissions should be short pieces of approximately 2,000–3,000 words (including footnotes), focused on timely and current milestones, innovations or other developments in the field of business and human rights and related areas.*

DiF submissions differ from scholarly articles that offer original and in-depth academic research on the intersection of business and human rights. DiF pieces should offer concise and timely description and evaluation of emerging trends and notable activities or events relating to business and human rights. Ideally, the focus should be on capturing a concrete and specific development or series of developments. A piece might, for example, focus on legislation that has been enacted. A discussion of draft legislation may also be appropriate, but only if it is illustrative of an evolving trend in state practice or civil society activism.

DiF pieces should extend beyond a short blog post or newsletter summary of a recent development. They should typically do more than merely summarise a single judicial decision or piece of legislation. Rather, they should explore trends, themes, or provide analysis of a specific case study in further detail. A piece analysing several key judicial decisions may also be suitable for a DiF submission.

The term ‘field’ indicates that the editors seek pieces that capture developments in diverse settings and from diverse geographies. These would include contributions from or about communities impacted by corporate activity, social activists working on the ground to enhance business respect for human rights, teachers innovating in classrooms, corporate executives devising and implementing responsible business practices, legislators and policy makers deliberating on legal reforms, and courts as well as national human rights institutions developing tools or strategies to strengthen access to justice for victims.

Examples of relevant subject areas for DiF submissions include but are not limited to:

- Case studies demonstrating human rights internalisation, compliance and innovation by companies;
- Teaching innovations in the area of business and human rights;
- The state duty to protect and how governments are developing and implementing national action plans;
- Trends in access to remedy – judicial (national courts, regional courts) or non judicial;
- Developments in how various business sectors are addressing human rights; • Assessment of new tools and benchmarking efforts to assess how companies respect human rights;
- Regional developments in business and human rights; and

- Significant innovations in the interactions of NGOs, business, and citizen groups on human rights protection.

Contributors should refer to the general instructions for contributors for style and citation requirements.

DiF submissions will not ordinarily be subject to the double blind peer review process used for longer scholarly articles. DiF submissions may, however, be sent for blind peer review to the BHRJ's DiF Panel members for feedback on the significance and timeliness of a piece.

Potential DiF contributors, should feel free to get in touch with any of the Editors-in Chief or via the general email bhrj@cambridge.org We prefer to review succinct 200 word proposals which describe the topic on which authors propose to write and provide biographical notes about the authors describing their relevant expertise. If we accepta submission for a DiF piece the authors will be assigned to an Editor who will guide the completion of the article. We will also consider unsolicited submissions sent to the journal and submitted via Scholar One:
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