

Dear colleagues,

We write to share news of the most recent release of *The Journal of Human Rights*, Issue 22(3).

A thread through this entire issue is the impact that differing institutions have on human rights. For example, *regime type* is central to Alemán's article, which explores why communist regimes oppress their citizens while military regimes torture and kill. *Media* is the central institution in Alichie's research on online homophobia on LGBTQ+ social media users, which finds that such homophobia has intensified in Nigeria following the enactment of same sex marriage prohibition legislation. And *truth commissions* are the focus of Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm et al.'s article, which analyzes domestic compliance with truth commission-issued recommendations.

Selections from this issue also focus on rights that are at risk among marginalized groups: LGBTQ+ people (Alichie's piece) and children, the latter central to Wahab and Dolah's article on child labor as unfree labor in oil palm production in Sabah (East Malaysia). Similarly, Alfredson exposes child soldiering as a neglected form of modern slavery.

Additional articles in JHR 22(3) address different aspects of the international human rights infrastructure: Dukalskis writes about how China stops criticism of its human rights record at the UN Human Rights Council and advances "rights" more consistent with its authoritarian political system. Lohaus and Stapel assess which states commit to regional treaty bodies, asking whether democratization drives commitment to human rights and finding that ratification behavior is influenced by different factors depending upon regional context.

Lastly, my Social Media Co-Editor, Kelebogile Zvobgo and her co-author Jonathan A. Solis have contributed an article on how citizens and courts protect the press. They find that executives decide to repress or to respect the press based on the sanctions they anticipate from these two important constituencies.

We look forward to your thoughts and comments on this work and we encourage you to make others in your communities of research and practice aware of all JHR offers on these and other themes.

Best wishes,

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