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Dear colleagues,

We are excited to announce the latest releases of *The Journal of Human Rights*, Issues 22(4) and 22(5).

One of the central themes of these issues is advocacy within the human rights landscape. For example, an article by Shanshan Lian and Amanda Murdie examines how NGOs respond in the face of increased repression. Yuan Zhou, Ghashia Kiyani and Charles Crabtree introduce a fresh approach to the study of naming and shaming. Hans Morten Haugen's research offers a comprehensive overview of the United Nations' decade-long shift from focusing on defamation of religion to a renewed emphasis on individual victims. For related inquiry to Haugen's piece, see [JHR 4\(3\)](#), a special edition focused on the relations of religion and human rights. For more articles on human rights advocacy, see [NGO repression as a predictor of worsening human rights abuses](#) (Issue 21(2)) and [Judicial Institution Builders: NGOs and International Human Rights Courts](#) (Issue 11(1)).

Another important topic is regional perspectives with country case studies. Douaa Sheet challenges prevailing notions of time in transitional justice, revealing how certain Islamic concepts in Tunisia shape the engagement of victims in reparations. Marie Claire Van Hout and Jakkie Wessels analyze the evolution of immigration detention regulation in post-apartheid Africa, scrutinizing the nation's progress in upholding the rights of detainees. Priyamvada Yarnell draws insights from Bosnia and Herzegovina, examining the unintended consequences of early releases of atrocity crime perpetrators by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). More broadly, Shadi Mokhtari focuses on the experiences of marginalized non-Western populations in Egypt and the Middle East over the past three decades, introducing a typology that catalogues the diverse range of responses to human rights. Related articles from past editions of *JHR* include [Reconciliation via Truth? A Study of South Africa's TRC](#) (Issue 11(2)) and [Rising Powers and Human Rights: The India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum at the UN Human Rights Council](#) (Issue 14(4)).

Issues 22(4) and 22(5) also delve into the realm of human rights within developed industrialized nations. Looking at the United States, Sharon Jayoung Song assesses the #MeToo movement's impact on workplace sexual harassment and its efficacy in improving gender equality, particularly for vulnerable female workers. Krystal Batelaan's research investigates the profound changes stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, with a primary focus on the mental health challenges resulting from self-isolation and their connection to solitary confinement experiences in prisons. Spotlighting the United Kingdom, Katie Morris argues that "food oppression" is a relevant characterization of unequal access to food, particularly for Black households.

Lastly, Rhoda Howard-Hassmann reviews *Reinventing Human Rights* by Mark Goodale, *Decolonizing Human Rights* by Abdullahi An-Na'im, *The Most Human Right; Why Free Speech is Everything* by Eric Heinze, and *The Coming Good Society* by Schulz and Raman. Howard-Hassman discusses the contrasts between all four authors' controversial perspectives on the international human rights regime, as well as Schulz and Raman's proposition of human and non-human rights as a path to establishing a "good society in the 21st century".

We hope you enjoy the content in these latest issues and encourage you to share them within your professional networks.

Sincerely,
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