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Dear JHR readers:

We are pleased to share information on the July 2024 release of The Journal of Human Rights 23(3), including a recap of major themes covered along with links to articles from previous issues of JHR that have touched on these topics as well.

**We start with a theme of longstanding interest in JHR, transitional justice.** Lesley-Ann Daniels and Virginia Zalundardo’s new article explores truth commissions in polarized societies. This work echoes earlier articles that have engaged with questions about reckoning with the past and transitional justice, including:


**By contrast, less well explored in the general human rights literature have been issues of rural peoples’ rights.** JHR takes these up with Leah Utyasheva, Andrea Rother, Leslie London, and Michael Eddleston’s open access article analyzing the tendency to “blame farmers” in low- and middle-income countries for "misuse" of inherently harmful pesticide. This work echoes Utyasheva’s earlier work published in JHR, along with that of other scholars we’ve published who focus on human rights in rural spaces:


**The rights of LGBTQ+ people have been mainstreamed in the wider literature through work published in JHR over the past decade.** This issue features work by Cyril Ghosh, on the US Citizenship and Immigration Services’ current guidelines for LGBTQ+ asylum adjudication, arguing that they are both under-inclusive and improperly restrictive.

**The contemporary global trend toward democratic backsliding is also a critical focus for JHR.** Jeffrey King, Bimal Adhikari and Amanda Murdie’s article features new empirical findings and builds upon work published on this theme in JHR, including:
New approaches to qualitative, historiographic and theoretically informed analyses are central to Ken MacLean’s article on “Digital Human Rights Storytelling and its Palimpsests: (De-) Constructed Images of Ethnic Cleansing in Myanmar” and to Kjersti Skarstad’s article on critical human rights research.

Finally, robust “Dialogues” are a periodic form of work published in JHR. This issue, we feature responses to Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick’s recent open access article, “Disruption and emergence: How to think about human rights futures,” published in JHR 23(1) in 2023 – see https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2023.2269231). These come in the form of a “Dialogue featuring responses to Choi-Fitzpatrick by Josh Gellers and James Dawes, see details below. Notably, both of the Dialogue articles will be made available with “free access” for three months from the date of publication:

**Dialogue on Future Rights**
An inconvenient reflection on human rights: Comments on Choi-Fitzpatrick’s article, “Disruption and Emergence”
Joshua C. Gellers
DOI: 10.1080/14754835.2024.2364871

The future of human rights
James Dawes
DOI: 10.1080/14754835.2024.2364889

The Journal has published similar “Dialogues” previously, such as the Dipika Jain and Debanuj DasGupta exchange in 2021 on LGBTQ/gender issues:


With content spanning issues, methods, regions, and formats, there should be something for every reader in this issue of JHR; we hope that you enjoy it and we welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

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