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Dear JHR readers:

The Journal of Human Rights 23(4) was released last week, and so we take this opportunity to welcome those in the northern hemisphere back to a new academic year and to share with you some of the contents from the issue.

With teaching front of mind for those returning to the classroom, we remind you that JHR features articles on **human rights pedagogy** from time to time. In this issue, Karen Robinson's article "Practitioner's Perspective on human rights education: Key resources is on this subject.

Another theme central to the issue (indeed, longstanding theme for JHR) is **transitional justice**. *Dilan Nenningsland's* new article, "Making or breaking the cycle of corruption: Exploring the impact of transitional justice on corruption in postconflict countries," features a new perspective that links truth commissions with corruption. This work echoes earlier articles on the impact of transitional justice on society, and how to measure this, including:

Murphy, M. (2022). How does transitional justice matter? Expanding and refining quantitative research on the effects of transitional justice policies. *Journal of Human Rights*, 21(4), 485–499. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2021.2013175>

Grodsky, B. (2008). Weighing the Costs of Accountability: The Role of Institutional Incentives in Pursuing Transitional Justice. *Journal of Human Rights*, 7(4), 353–375. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754830802476829>

Gender and human rights is also a frequent subject in the JHR and central to the current issue. Amit Singh and Anindya J. Mishra 's article, "Ambiguous marital identity and conflict: A study of the half-widows in Jammu and Kashmir," adds to this collection. Three other key works from past issues are:

Lizotte, M. (2020), The gender gap in support for humanitarian intervention, *Journal of Human Rights*, 20(1), 20–35. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2020.1850239>

Theidon, K. (2007). Gender in Transition: Common Sense, Women, and War. *Journal of Human Rights*, 6(4), 453–478. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754830701693011>

Baines, E. (2011). Gender, Responsibility, and the Grey Zone: Considerations for Transitional Justice. *Journal of Human Rights*, 10(4), 477–493. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2011.619405>

Human rights in China is also explored in this issue, which features work by Jian Fu, "One foreign force, two nationalisms: How Chinese nationalism resists external LGBT human." Related articles previously published in JHR on China and HR include:

Dukalskis, A. (2023). A fox in the henhouse: China, normative change, and the UN Human Rights Council. *Journal of Human Rights*, 22(3), 334–350. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2023.2193971>

Efrat, A., & Tomasina, M. (2018). Value-free extradition? Human rights and the dilemma of surrendering wanted persons to China. *Journal of Human Rights*, 17(5), 605–621.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2018.1533454>

Finally, we explore human rights institutionalization at varying levels of analysis (international, national, and regional) and through a variety of mechanisms in three articles within this issue: Christoph Valentin Steinert, “Policy-specific human rights shaming: Evidence from the other letters of the UN Special Procedures”; Lasse Schuldt, “Layered localization of international human rights law: Signaling and contestation in the context of Thailand”; and Michelle D. Bonner, on “Measuring absence: Narrative obstacles to counting contemporary enforced disappearances in Latin America.”

We hope that you enjoy the issue, wish you a productive year ahead, and encourage you to share our newsletter with colleagues, students, and practitioners alike. See past issues and signup link on our website: <https://journal.humanrights.uconn.edu/>

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