

Dear colleagues:

We are happy to announce the publication of two issues of *The Journal of Human Rights*.

The first -- JHR 23.5 -- has a wide geographical spread of authors including from the USA, Taiwan, Italy, and Canada. This issue also contains several articles that focus on foreign aid and human rights. Hattie Sellers writes on “Harming Those Doing Good? The role of anti-aid rhetoric in explaining aid worker attacks,” while Fajardo-Heyward et alia discuss “Shifting Police Strategies: U.S. Aid and Repression by Public Safety Institutions in Latin America.” This issue also features a clustered book review by Michael Gunter that assesses several new aid-related titles: Michelle Jurkavich’s *Feeding the Hungry* and Matias Margulis’ *Shadow Negotiators: How UN Orgs Share the Rules of World Trade for Food Security*. Foreign aid has featured in earlier issues of JHR including Reed Wood’s classic 2014 article “Aiding Labor: Foreign Aid and the Promotion of Labor Rights in LDCs” (doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2014.886948).

Other content in JHR 23.5 reflects a variety of methodological approaches to analyzing human rights and a breadth of voices for doing so. Several of the articles include large-N data and explore a range of issues from a quantitative perspective. Timbs and McLaughlin write on “How Climate Volatility Influences Human Rights” and Wang and Dai on “Where You Stand Depends on Where You Sit: The Effect of Status and Evaluative Identities on Human Rights Perception”). All of the replication data associated with these articles and similar work in JHR can be accessed at our Harvard Dataverse site: <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/jhr> Other methods in JHR 23.5 include a public law approach (see Cabrera Silva and Fontana on “Indigenous vs. Peasant’s Rights? *Lhaka Honhat v. Argentina* and the Role of the Inter-American Human Rights System in Communal Inter-Ethnic Conflicts”) to assess communal inter-ethnic conflicts. For earlier work published in JHR on indigenous rights and the protection of cultural rights see, for example, Lindsey Kingston’s 2015 piece on “The Destruction of Identity: Cultural Genocide and Indigenous Peoples” (doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2014.886951).

Moving on to JHR 24.1, we feature a Symposium on *Human Rights and Democratic Backsliding* co-guest edited by Audrey Comstock and Sara Kahn-Nisser, which includes articles on challenging contexts in Ireland (by Sarah Dreier and Emily Gade), Israel (by Anwar Mhajne), derogations of human rights globally during the COVID-19 pandemic (Suparna Chaudhry, Audrey Comstock and Andrew Heiss), and special focus on children’s rights in the context of democratic backsliding (Sara Kahn-Nisser). Outside the symposium but relatedly, a separate article by Paul Gready and Emma Jackson explores universities as sites of human rights activism and protection in a time of democratic crisis. Recent symposia published in JHR have explored Political Apologies & Human Rights (2021) along with Governance Authority in Business & Human Rights (2022).

Other work published in JHR 24.1 focuses on varied aspects of gender and human rights. Leslie Obiora writes on the primacy of care for global security; Inga Winkler and co-authors focus on menstrual justice; and Meyerhoefer and Sawari write on sanctions the effects of sanctions on government sexual violence in armed conflict.

We very much hope that you enjoy these two issues!

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