

Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Societies Without Borders* on “Attitudes Towards Human Rights”

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The editors of *Societies Without Borders: Human Rights and the Social Sciences (SWB)* - a double-blind, peer-reviewed, open-source electronic journal devoted to cutting-edge research on human rights and public goods - invite authors to submit manuscripts for a special issue on attitudes towards human rights.

With this special issue we invite submissions that examine the ways that individuals, social groups, organizations, and institutions view universal human rights. Work focusing on attitudes, beliefs, ideas, and understandings of human rights is encouraged. Submissions from a broad range of practitioners, academics, disciplines, and methodologies, as well as submissions that focus on a range of topics from single issues to rights bundles will be considered. We seek to bring together both major and emerging issues in “Attitudes Towards Human Rights” that foster a dialogue of how we as peoples embedded in cultural and social groups, networks, organizations, and institutions understand human rights in multiple and often overlapping contexts. This topic allows *Societies Without Borders* to utilize research from within the academy or by practitioners in the field, one of the journal’s strengths.

The special issue may include papers, commentaries, notes from the field, as well as poetic, visual, and other expressions devoted to examining how we view human rights as individuals, small groups, nations, and/or as a global civil society. This special issue will be published in October, 2016.

Any and all inquiries into attitudes towards human rights in the social and behavioral sciences, and related professional fields including but not limited to health/medicine/wellbeing, and science/technology are welcome. Some ideas for consideration include but are not limited to:

- Attitudes towards single rights issues/rights bundles/packages
- Ethnographic studies/Case studies/Comparative-Historical studies/Macro-Comparative studies
- Rights attitudes as related to gender, race, ethnicity, poverty/SES, sexual orientation, and/or nationality
- Rights attitudes within and/or towards marginalized and oppressed groups such as indigenous communities, women, children, LGBTQ communities, refugees, castes and others

- Rights attitudes and criminals, hate groups, terrorists, revolutionaries, and other politically contentious groups espousing or using violence
- Domestic, international, and transnational social movement civil society groups, organizations, and networks and the shaping of rights attitudes
- Interdisciplinary questions and theoretical approaches
- Public policy/law and rights attitudes
- Attitudes towards practice of rights in professional fields

The deadline for submission is May 1, 2016.

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Please submit manuscripts through the *SWB* Website and follow the *SWB* Submission Guidelines. For more information, please visit the journal's website: <http://scholarlycommons.law.case.edu/swb/>. Brian K. Gran is Editor of *SWB*.

All submissions will be subject to the regular review process of *SWB*.