



Review of Human Rights (RHR) Publication Ethics and Mal-Practice Statement

The *Review of Human Rights* (RHR) is an academic research initiative of the Society of Social Science Academics. The journal is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal devoted to research in the field of human rights broadly conceived. It seeks to engage in critical study of existing approaches to human rights, as well as developing new methods on the theory and practice of human rights. The journal strives to meet the growing academic need and interest in the study and practice of human rights in the developing world, especially the war-torn countries. The Journal aims to serve as an arena for the public discussion and scholarly analysis of human rights.

Moreover, the Journal is committed to theoretical and ideological diversity in the study of human rights. Accordingly, the editor welcomes papers not only from scholars and disciplines traditionally associated with the study of human rights, but also from those in other disciplines in social science and humanities. The editor also welcomes ideas for special issues and symposia.

RHR is committed to meeting and upholding the standard of ethical behavior at all stages of the publication process. Conformance to standards of ethical behavior is expected of all parties involved: authors, editors and reviewers.

Furthermore, this ethics and malpractice statement sets out the specific responsibilities for all parties involved to ensure that *RHR* complies with internationally accepted guidelines on carrying out ethical and culturally competent research.

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1. A full-length article should be around 8,000 words, but should not exceed 10,000 words, including references.
2. A Focus essay—which we define as an essay written on an event, concept, or theory of enduring significance and for providing initial thesis or creating understanding-- should be around 4,000 words. Both type of articles will go through similar double-blind peer review process.
3. Author(s) should present an accurate account of the research performed, and offer an objective discussion of its significance.



4. RHR follows Chicago Manual of Style for referencing and citation. Citations should use short note in End Notes and a detailed Reference section at the end.
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