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Call for Paper

"South Asian Voices: Human Rights in the Age of Global Transformation in South Asia"

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About the Edited Volume

The International Edited Volume titled "South Asian Voices: Human Rights in the Age of Global Transformation in South Asia" is an academic and policy-driven International Publication by the Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR), Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation in association with the Indian Centre for Child and Human Rights (ICCHR) and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the volume seeks to amplify South Asian perspectives on the evolving landscape of human rights. In a rapidly changing world marked by digital governance, migration, climate change, economic inequalities, conflict and new technologies, South Asia faces unique challenges and opportunities. The edited volume will serve as a platform for scholars, practitioners, policymakers and students to contribute to international debates by foregrounding South Asian experiences, concerns and voices.

Objectives of the Volume

• To examine contemporary human rights challenges in South Asia within the context of global transformation.

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- To highlight regional responses, indigenous practices, and policy innovations.
- To analyse intersections between human rights, law, governance, and socio-economic realities.
- To contribute South Asian perspectives to international human rights scholarship.

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Contributors are invited to submit abstracts under, but not limited to the following thematic tracks:

1. Globalisation and Human Rights

- Human rights in the age of digital governance
- Global migration, refugees, and statelessness in South Asia
- Climate change, environmental justice and sustainable development

2. Democracy, Governance and Rule of Law

- Constitutionalism and human rights in South Asian states
- Authoritarianism, populism, and shrinking civic space
- Role of judiciary and regional institutions in protecting rights

3. Social Justice and Equality

- Gender, sexuality, and LGBTQ+ rights in South Asia
- Rights of minorities, indigenous peoples, and tribal communities
- Poverty, inequality, and access to social justice

4. Technology, Surveillance and Human Rights

- Artificial intelligence, surveillance, and privacy concerns
- *Internet governance, free speech, and digital rights*
- Data protection and cross-border digital governance

5. Conflict, Peace and Humanitarian Issues

- Armed conflict, terrorism, and transitional justice
- Human rights of displaced persons, migrants, and refugees

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• Regional cooperation on peace and security

6. Emerging Human Rights Discourses

- Child rights and youth participation in governance
- Right to development, education, and health
- Future of international human rights law in South Asia

Recognition & Awards

- International Certificate of Publication Jointly issued by CDIPR, ICCHR and UNHRC.
- The Publication will be distributed in 15 nations, indexed with Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and DOI through academic libraries, international portals and South Asian partner institutions.
- All the Articles are to be hosted on the Digital Repository for Indian Scholarly Texts &
 Information (DRISTI) Portal with DOI assignment under International Standards for
 Global Citation and Accessibility.
- Outstanding contributors will be offered priority consideration for internships and research fellowships with CDIPR, ICCHR and associated organizations.

Call for Papers Timeline

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 20th October, 2025

 (Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Conference themes.)
- Notification of Abstract Selection: 22nd October, 2025
 (Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: 30th October, 2025

 (Full-length papers should be 3,000–4,000 words and follow the Conference's Submission Guidelines.)

Abstract Submission Form: https://forms.gle/wgQTbXHXiszk41ik8

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Submission Guidelines

Categories:

- Research Article: 3,000 to 4,000 words
- Policy Paper / Legislative Analysis: 3,000 to 3,500 words
- Case Studies / Legal Commentaries: 2,000 to 3,000 words

Format and Structure:

- Font: Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12pt, Justified Alignment
- **Headings:** 14pt, Centre Alignment
- Subheadings: 13pt
- **Footnotes:** 10pt, Left Alignment
- Citation Style: Bluebook 21st Edition
- Spacing: 1.5
- Language: English only

Abstract: Each submission must include a concise abstract not exceeding **300 words** summarising the core ideas of the paper with 5 keywords.

Originality:

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
- Plagiarism should not exceed 10%, and AI-generated content is not allowed.
 Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.

Co-Authorship: Papers may have up to **two authors**.

Review Process:

- A two-stage internal review will assess submissions.
- Authors may be required to revise their papers based on feedback regarding content, structure, or formatting.

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Why Participate?

- Contribute to one of the most comprehensive South Asian human rights volumes of the decade.
- Share South Asian perspectives in a globally distributed publication.
- Engage with UNHRC and international networks.
- Influence global debates on human rights and policy reforms.
- Enhance your academic profile with DOI-indexed international publication.

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