

Global Social Challenges Journal

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Bristol University Press is delighted to announce the call for submissions for its first fully open access journal: [Global Social Challenges Journal](#).

"I'm proud to see Bristol University Press launching this important new journal, which promises to address the most urgent complexities of global social challenges by drawing together accessible international scholarship across the disciplines to inform policy and practice."

Professor Judith Squires, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost,
University of Bristol

AIMS AND SCOPE

How can we re-imagine society in an era of climate change, pandemic, hunger, poverty, questions of racial, ethnic and gender justice and other pressing global societal challenges? Significant threats and dangers lie ahead of us, but so do opportunities, as new ways of being, thinking, and doing emerge. This new fully open access journal aims to facilitate thinking about these positive new trajectories and to become the journal of choice to address the complexities of global social challenges across disciplines, fields, professions, and sectors of society.

It will be the first such journal to be based in the social sciences, whilst also engaging with research from humanities, arts and STEM. Including marginalised, minority and Indigenous world views, the journal will be an important home for research which contributes to the creation of alternative futures that acknowledge past injustices and are socially and environmentally just and sustaining. It will also welcome conceptual and methodological developments which expand our thinking and enable greater understanding.

Global Social Challenges Journal will facilitate the publication of multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary research internationally within and beyond academia as well as welcoming single discipline work. Engaging with innovative and critical perspectives, including decolonial and Southern epistemologies and their relationship with those of the global North, it will respond directly to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and encompass co-production and other participatory approaches. The journal will recognise new methodologies, offering a range of novel and more traditional outputs. Highly accessible, impactful, and policy-facing, it hopes to foster dialogue between academics, policymakers, thought leaders, NGOs, practitioners, and the public. By publishing fully open access evidence-based, collaborative work in the collective interest through a not-for-profit university press, the journal will enable the sharing of knowledge needed to help build a fairer world, across and for the global south and north.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Be amongst the first to publish in this transformative, mission-driven, open access journal.

We welcome submissions for original research articles that reflect themes of the journal including conceptual and methodological pieces which further debate and research. Submissions may be up to 8500 words including references. However, we will consider different word counts that are appropriate to the content. We also intend to publish non-traditional outputs of around 3500 words, including interventions (arts-based, multidisciplinary, image-based, multi-media, provocations etc); commentaries and debate; and accounts of policy or practice. Full details will be forthcoming during 2021.

The journal further aims to encourage inclusivity and diversity in publishing. We welcome contributions from researchers and practitioners at all career stages from around the world and particularly encourage those in less established positions and/or more disadvantaged contexts to consider submitting to the journal.

The first content will be published online in 2022. If you are interested in submitting to the journal, please see our [instructions for authors](#). The article submission site will be available in due course.

THEMES

These are linked to but not limited by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

We will aim to address these and other issues in the context of their interplay with systemic divisions resulting from class, racialisation, gender and sexuality.

- Cities and Communities
- Climate Change, Energy and Sustainability
- Conflict, Security and Peace
- Democracy, Power and Governance
- Education and Learning
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- The Future of Work, Finance and the Economy
- Health and Wellbeing
- Hunger, Food, Water and Shelter
- Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Approaches
- Justice, Law and Human Rights
- Life Stages and Intergenerationality
- Migration, Mobilities and Movement
- Poverty, Inequality and Social Justice
- Society, Culture and Arts
- Technology, Data and Society

OPEN ACCESS

The journal will operate on a Gold Open Access basis. In the first year (for articles submitted by 31 July 2022), only those with full funding for publishing OA will pay an Article Processing Charge (APC). Thereafter, we will continue to offer [discounts and waivers](#) for those without funding and in low and middle income countries. Learn more about our [APCs and Open Access options for journals](#).

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