

A Half Century of Human Rights in Canada: A Critical Appraisal of 50 Years of the Twin Covenants in Canada

The *Canadian Journal of Human Rights* and the Mauro Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice invite submissions for a proposed Special Issue focused on the 50th Anniversary of Canada's ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), *aka* the '*Twin Covenants*'. We invite human rights academics, lawyers, practitioners, and activists to critically evaluate Canada's five-decade record of fulfilling its obligations under these two foundational international human rights law treaties.

Canada ratified both Covenants in 1976, undertaking a commitment respect and protect these rights both nationally and internationally. Fifty years later, this Special Issue seeks to evaluate how effectively federal, provincial, and territorial governments have implemented these rights into domestic law, policy, and practice across Canada. Proposals can focus on structural, systemic, or substantive human rights issues related to the *Twin Covenants*, and we particularly encourage forward-looking submissions that propose reforms to strengthen rights implementation and accountability in Canada for the next half-century.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words can be submitted to Dr Nathan Derejko – Nathan.derejko@umanitoba.ca by Monday March 2nd 2026. Final articles should be between 5,000 – 10,000 words and must be submitted by Monday August 3rd 2026 for inclusion in the Special Issue.