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THEMATIC SECTION OVERVIEW

There is a vibrant and burgeoning literature on the history of human rights. Many recent books and articles struggle with origins, actors, and contexts of rights, while others question the very politics and disputes related to these historiographies. Traditional accounts trace rights language throughout human history and civilisation itself. Others have placed it in different times and locations: at the liberal Western revolutions of the late 18th century, at the fight against the slave trade in the 19th century, at the post-Second World War system, at the battle against decolonisation, or the transnational activism of the 1970s. In this battle of and for history, different ideas, actors, and contexts are emphasised.

In this call, we welcome different perspectives on the historiography of human rights: intellectual, social, political, economic, or cultural history. Articles from various fields are welcomed, such as History, Law, Sociology, Philosophy, International Relations and Political Science, Social Sciences, Anthropology, and especially interdisciplinary approaches. We also encourage diverse methodological or theoretical approaches, including critical perspectives such as Gender and Feminism, Decolonial and Postcolonial, Marxian and Marxism, Race Theories, Post-Structuralism, and others.

We especially welcome researchers who have a perspective from the South and explore South-South relations for exploring the history of human rights. Deployments and appropriations of the human rights agenda from the Global South have contributed to new definitions and struggles, such as anti-colonial, anti-slavery and racial ones, dismantling situations of inequality and asymmetry in the international legal order, as well as resignifying and redefining dominant Western approaches and generating thus alternative peripheral trajectories of human rights. Through the Global South, the roots and genealogies of human rights have changed their



priorities, usages and deployments, adopting creative and radical approaches in favour of dismantling situations of social, racial and economic inequality and global injustice. This call for papers invites researchers to reflect about these peripheral genealogies of human rights in the Global South, situating them in a broader global context and in a comparative perspective with dominant Western legal traditions.

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