Call for Papers: European Yearbook on Human Rights 2027

The *European Yearbook on Human Rights* invites submissions for its *2027 volume*!

We live in times of profound change. While recent years have been marked by growing concern over the erosion of human rights, the weakening of the international order, and challenges to the rule of law, recent electoral developments and public protests against democratic backsliding in countries such as Hungary, Serbia, the United States, and Brazil also demonstrate that questions of institutional accountability, political participation, fundamental rights, and democratic integrity remain matters of deep public concern. Electoral outcomes as well as civic mobilisation can thus be understood not only as indicators of contestation and crisis, but also as expressions of the enduring significance of democratic values and rights-based governance for broad segments of society. And it has been shown: Human rights still matter!

The *European Yearbook on Human Rights 2027* seeks to provide a forum for critical reflection on these current developments, as well as on the most pressing challenges affecting the protection of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Europe and beyond. It aims to publish timely, in-depth, and analytically rigorous contributions addressing both institutional developments and broader cross-cutting issues that shape the contemporary human rights and democratic landscape.

A distinctive feature of the Yearbook is its focus on the three principal organisations involved in the protection and promotion of human rights in Europe — the European Union (EU), the Council of Europe (CoE), and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). In addition, the Yearbook includes a section dedicated to cross-cutting themes, enabling engagement with developments that transcend institutional boundaries and call for broader normative, doctrinal, or policy-oriented analysis.

For this edition, we particularly welcome contributions that reflect, inter alia, on recent democratic developments, political participation, and democratic transitions in Europe and beyond from a human rights and rule of law perspective. Submissions addressing other topical human rights developments in Europe, particularly related to recent jurisdictional developments will also be taken into consideration.

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