

# Global Social Challenges Journal

NON-PROFIT, OPEN ACCESS  
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## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**Bristol University Press is delighted to announce the call for papers 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, and other pressing global societal challenges? Significant threats and dangers lie ahead of us, but so do opportunities, as new ways of being 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.

It will be the first such journal to be based in the social sciences, whilst also engaging with research from humanities, arts and STEM. Emphasising 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.

*Global Social Challenges Journal* will facilitate the publication of trans-, multi-, and interdisciplinary research internationally within and beyond academia as well as welcoming single discipline work. Engaging with innovative and critical perspectives, including decolonial and Southern epistemologies, it will respond directly to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and encompass co-production and other participatory approaches. The journal will showcase 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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our global editorial team.  
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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

We welcome submissions for research articles that reflect the themes of the journal. Articles will usually be between 5,000 and 10,000 words including references, however, contributions should not be constrained by length and we will consider different word counts that are appropriate to the findings. We expect to publish non-traditional outputs, including shorter debate pieces, linked articles with interdisciplinary comment, policy papers and to encourage video, podcast and blog content to accompany articles in order to reach a wide audience. Full details will be forthcoming during 2021.

The journal aims to encourage inclusivity and diversity in publishing. We welcome contributions from researchers and practitioners at all career stages from around the world.

The first content will be published online in 2022. Our instructions for authors and article submission site will be available in due course. In the meantime, if you are interested in submitting to the journal, please email [info@globalsocialchallenges.com](mailto:info@globalsocialchallenges.com).

## THEMES

- 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. As a not-for-profit endeavour, any surplus is reinvested, and we offer [discounts and waivers](#) on Author Processing Charges (APCs) 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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*Bristol University Press has worked in partnership with academic colleagues from a range of disciplines at the University of Bristol, who have steered the journal's development and provided invaluable input.*