

**Call for Papers**  
**for the inaugural issue of the *International Journal of Human Rights and Constitutional Studies*, on the theme of:**

**The Default of the Social State**  
**Human Rights Protection in the Age of the Economic Crises**

In an era of economic crisis the augmenting scarcity of social goods raises one more than questions concerning the ability of social rights to effectively protect the constitutional subjects of globalisation. The main objective of this inaugural issue of *IJHRCS* is to critically intervene in the relevant academic dialogue in order to propose and answer the crucial questions that the current 'default' of the social state poses.

Within this framework, social state and social rights theories, social policies at national and supranational levels, the social policy of the EU, poverty, citizenship and social exclusion as well as the reasons for the current decline of the welfare state will be thoroughly discussed. This inaugural issue is aimed at a vast audience comprising academics and practitioners, students of law, politics and policy makers.

**Subject Coverage**

Suitable topics include but are not limited to:

- Social state, genesis, political and social importance, current debates
- Social state and the main causes of its current decline
- Social rights, their economic nature, their current scarcity, theories of efficacy
- Social rights and the current risks of globalisation economic crises: the upcoming problem of poverty
- The right to housing in the epicentre of the economic crisis.
- Crisis and social rights in the European South: education, health, social security and labour
- Theories of welfare state
- Book presentations concerning social rights and social state
- International protection of social rights
- The welfare state in comparative perspectives
- Social policies and the scarcity of social goods
- EU social policies
- Citizenship and social inclusion
- Economic approaches to welfare state
- Welfare state and modern bureaucracy
- Welfare state as a utopia

**Notes for Prospective Authors**

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. (N.B. Conference papers may only be submitted if the paper was not originally copyrighted and if it has been completely re-written).

All papers are refereed through a peer review process. A guide for authors, sample copies and other relevant information for submitting papers are available on the [Author Guidelines](#) page.

**Important Dates**

Proposal submission: *31 June, 2012*

Proposal acceptance/rejection: *31 July, 2012*

Full paper deadline: *31 October, 2012*

**Editor and Notes**

Proposals (and any queries) may be submitted directly to the Editor via email:

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