

Special Issue

How Judges Think about Human Rights: Legitimacy and Political Judgment

Message from the Guest Editor

Topics of interest to the call for papers include, but are not limited to:

- The nature and limits of 'standard' legal formalist explanations of human rights judgments
- The respective roles of moral and political judgment from both a descriptive and a normative point of view in human rights decisions
- The descriptive and normative aspects of judicial legitimacy in the field of domestic and international human rights adjudication
- The idea of legitimacy in that same field as a distinctive kind of concern than influences (or should influence) judicial decision-making
- The various actors and 'audiences' that are or should be taken into account when addressing issues of legitimacy in the above sense (e.g., other courts, domestic or international political actors, scholarly and professional communities or other social actors)
- New challenges to judicial legitimacy in the field of human rights adjudication

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