

Special Issue

Neurodivergence and Human Rights

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue arrives at a critical juncture as awareness of neurodiversity grows alongside calls for more comprehensive human rights protections worldwide. We seek to foreground the urgent need to close persistent rights gaps facing neurodivergent populations, particularly through a broad, intersectional lens. The issue invites contributions from a wide array of disciplines—including law, political science, sociology, anthropology, education, psychology, public policy and other humanistic disciplines—to examine the rights and recognition of neurodivergent individuals. The scope encompasses discussions of how legal institutions, policies and societal norms can both inhibit and advance the rights of neurodivergent people, considering human rights in its broadest possible sense: spanning civil, political, social, economic and cultural domains. Contributors are encouraged to explore the complex ways in which existing frameworks either perpetuate or challenge exclusion and marginalization and to propose innovative approaches to promote equity and justice.

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