Editorial

As we reach the end of 2021, we wanted to use this final issue to reflect on this extraordinary year and set the scene for what promises to be another fruitful year for children's rights research in 2022. The ongoing personal and professional challenges presented by Covid have prevented so many from pursuing their research and yet we have been privileged to have received, reviewed and published a rich array of work from across the globe. Our Special Issue (Issue 29-2) arising out of our Covid-19 conference in December 2020, provided an early insight into the effects of the pandemic on a range of children's rights issues, as well as a useful springboard for further research and collaboration.

Our core mission is to support multidisciplinary scholarship of the highest quality and innovation that advances thinking, policy and practice around children's rights across the world. Submissions have gone from strength to strength and we already have many excellent articles in the pipeline for the coming year. This of course means that we are being increasingly stringent before accepting pieces for publication: only those pieces that have been approved following rigorous double-blind peer review, that add new conceptual, theoretical, empirical or methodological insights, and that engage with and advance children's rights will be considered. We cannot publish articles that are on topics related to children's rights (e.g. working children, maltreatment etc) but are not written from an explicit children's rights angle. Nor do we publish articles that are simply a descriptive review of the child rights situation in an individual country.

To maximise high quality submissions from underrepresented regions and disciplines, particularly scholars in less developed research environments, we can offer further advice and support on how to develop pieces up to publishable standard. Please do contact us directly **in advance of submission** if you think you would benefit from this additional support.

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