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We seek to foster **global conversations** and inter-regional dialogue among researchers, practitioners, and audiences interested in social issues. Articles are disseminated across our community of experts, researchers, and practitioners of global social policy. We also seek to position the views of international social policy experts in **public debate** on current and urgent issues.

We look for **original, engaging short essays** that showcase new research or findings, reflect on contemporary debates, and introduce critical analyses of pressing social issues. We welcome contributions that focus on one country or area, or that draw comparisons across countries and regions.

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Articles should aim for up to **1,200 words** and can include one copyright-free graphic or table. They can include subheadings or section subtitles.

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