**Scope of Journal**

The Journal of Law, Social Justice and Global Development is an interdisciplinary and collaborative on-line journal, which broadly focuses upon the complex relationship between globalisation, social justice and development. More specifically, the LGD Journal seeks to promote critical research upon a range of inter-related issues within this area, such as democratisation, constitutionalism, economic liberalisation, human rights, gender justice, global governance and social movements. Its objective is to bring together academics from different departments and disciplines, to engage third sector organisations and connect to scholarship emerging from the Global South.

Previous issues of the LGD Journal have featured special issues on topics such as Ethiopian Research in Law and Development (2013), Access to Justice (2010), Child Rights, Law and Emerging Challenges (2010), and Debt, Finance and Development (2005). In addition to highlighting scholarship from the Global South, the LGD Journal has also featured the work of renowned scholars such as Upendra Baxi and Boaventura de Sousa Santos, among many others.

**Aims of the Journal**

**As an open source platform, the LGD Journal’s objectives are to:**

1. Bridge the gap between scholarship in the Global South and Global North

2. Connect global and local knowledge

3. Adopt a contextual analysis of issues and themes

4. Reflect upon the relationship between theory and practice in relation to questions of social justice and development

5. Provide space for dialogue between academics and practitioners

**Open Access – making research literature publicly accessible – is becoming increasingly important in academic publishing. The re-launched LGD journal will be part of the Open-Access Journal Platform (OJS) of Warwick IT services, providing a straightforward online system for authors to submit manuscripts for publication and receive feedback.**

**Content of the Journal**

The journal is published bi-annually and each edition includes:

* An academic refereed section with a minimum of five articles per issue; each article is to be refereed by at least two anonymous referees. A recommended length would be 5,000-10,000 words. This section will contain reflective, scholarly articles.
* A commentary section consisting of special contributions of non-refereed articles (subject only to editorial approval), written by practitioners and/or academics.
* News and current/upcoming events relating to LGD themes
* A comments section providing the opportunity for readers to comment on the article and engage with the author and other readers on the topic.