

# Call for Papers

## The Interdisciplinary Journal of Populism 5th Issue.

### Special Issue: "Populism, Law, and Society: Challenges, Intersections, and Transformations"

The Interdisciplinary Journal of Populism (IJP) is an international, peer-reviewed, indexed on HeinOnline and open-access journal on the study of populism and its manifestations. The journal is of relevance to the work of academics, practitioners, policymakers, and civil society. Established Under the Jean Monnet Module entitled 'European Union Law and Governance in Populist Times' (EU-POP), the Journal continues its operation, being published by the School of Law of the University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus and its Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for the Rule of Law and European Values (CRoLEV). You may find more information about CRoLEV, EU-POP and the Journal here: <https://crolev.eu/> (scroll down to 'Related projects websites')

The journal publishes original research in the form of scientific articles (6,000 – 8,000 words including footnotes), short essays (2,000-3,000 words), and book reviews (1,000-2,000 words including footnotes) on populism and populism-related themes. For guidelines, please see <https://lawpop.eu/>

For the **fifth issue of the Journal**, we are delighted to announce Ms Andrea Manoli as our guest editor. Andrea Manoli is completing her Ph.D. in Law at the University of Central Lancashire in the UK. She is also a Research Scholar at the University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus and was involved in the early moments of the Journal. Her research focuses on children's rights and gender-based violence, human rights, and the Rule of Law. We are very pleased to welcome Andrea again to the Journal.

The special theme of the 5th issue of the Journal is **"Populism, Law, and Society: Challenges, Intersections, and Transformations"**. Populism has emerged as a powerful force in contemporary politics, reshaping legal frameworks, societal norms, and governance structures across the globe. Populist movements often challenge established legal systems, questioning the universality of human rights, the legitimacy of international treaties, and the salience of judiciary independence. By framing themselves as the voice of the 'common people' against a detached elite, populist leaders frequently advocate for laws and policies that reflect nativist, exclusionary, and anti-globalisation sentiments. These shifts have profound implications for the rule of law, democratic governance, human rights, and social cohesion. Moreover, populist rhetoric often exacerbates social and cultural divides, influencing educational systems, gender policies, and public discourse through media and digital platforms.





This special issue examines the multifaceted relationship between populism, law, and society. We aim to explore how populist ideologies transform legal systems, social dynamics, and governance at both national and international levels. Through interdisciplinary perspectives, **we invite contributions that critically analyse these intersections, providing insights into the ongoing transformations brought about by populist movements.** This special issue addresses these pressing issues to contribute to a **deeper understanding of populism's role in reshaping law and society and its broader implications for democratic governance and human rights, at the heart of CRoLEV.**

**Potential topics for submission include, but are not limited to:**

**1. Human Rights and Legal Norms**

- Erosion of human rights frameworks in populist regimes.
- Populist critiques of international legal systems and treaties.
- Selective application or enforcement of rights in populist contexts.
- Populism and Human Rights.

**2. Symbolic or ineffective legislation in populist discourse**

- Theoretical frameworks linking populism to legislative dysfunction.
- Case studies of symbolic or ineffective legislation in populist regimes.
- Comparative analyses of legislative strategies in populist and non-populist governments.
- The role of legal professionals, civil society, and academia in countering legislative populism.
- Populism's impact on the development and application of international legal norms.

**3. Youth and Juvenile Justice**

- Populist narratives framing juvenile delinquency.
- Policies targeting youth crime: punitive measures vs. rehabilitation.
- The intersection of populist exclusionary policies and juvenile justice.

**4. The Rule of Law and Judicial Systems**

- Challenges to constitutionalism and judicial independence.
- Legislative changes under populist governments.
- Legal resistance to populist encroachments on democratic norms.

**5. Social and Cultural Dynamics**

- Gender perspectives in populist rhetoric and policy.
- Media and digital platforms as amplifiers of populist narratives.
- Populism's impact on educational systems and civic education.

**6. Broader Socioeconomic Impacts**

- The relationship between populism and economic inequality.
- Populist approaches to global crises, including climate change and migration.
- Populism's influence on crime, social exclusion, and governance.

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**The next submission deadline for the Journal is on 15th May 2025. All submissions must be sent to [submissions@lawpop.eu](mailto:submissions@lawpop.eu). Papers should not have been published already, nor should they be under consideration elsewhere. Please consult our submission guidelines before submitting your paper. For more information on the Journal, please visit <https://lawpop.eu/>**

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