

Informed Consent Policy for Human Participants in Article Submissions to *Global Constitutionalism*

1. Introduction:

This policy outlines the procedures and expectations for researchers submitting manuscripts to *Global Constitutionalism* that involve human participants. Authors are required to address the ethical considerations related to obtaining informed consent and demonstrate compliance with ethical standards in their submission.

2. Ethical Approval:

2.1 Research involving human participants should be approved by relevant institutional ethics committee(s) and should conform to international ethical and legal standards for research.

2.2 Manuscripts including research involving human participants must include the name of the ethics committee that approved the research, the ethics committee approval number and the types of consent obtained should be included at submission.

2.3 In cases where the need for formal ethics committee approval was waived, the name of the ethics committee that granted the waiver should be included at submission.

3. Consent to participate

3.1 In the conduct of their research, authors should prospectively obtain consent from the individuals involved to participate in their research or data to be used. The need for consent and method of obtaining consent may be determined by the authors' institutional ethics committee or other equivalent and relevant guidance or body.

3.2 Where consent for participation was not obtained (for example, in cases where the participants were not capable of providing consent), the editor may ask to see evidence that the need for consent was waived by an ethics committee.

4. Consent to publish

4.1 Authors must obtain consent (including from parents/legal guardians where applicable) to publish from individual participants if their manuscript includes any data that might identify them. For example, this includes photographs, quotes, demographic details, and any other details that might identify the participant.

5. Declaration in Manuscript

5.1 Authors must include a statement in the manuscript confirming that ethical approval was obtained, and informed consent was obtained from all participants.

5.2 Details of consent to participate should be described in the methodology of the manuscript. The manuscript should include the informed consent form used, a description of the consent process, and details on how participants were informed about the nature of the research, its purpose, procedures, potential risks, benefits, and their right to withdraw.

5.3 Authors must provide information on how participant confidentiality and anonymity were safeguarded throughout the research process.

5.4 Authors should outline procedures for secure data handling and storage to ensure participants' privacy is maintained.

6. Compliance with Guidelines:

6.1 Authors are expected to adhere to relevant national and international guidelines for the ethical conduct of research involving human participants, including journal-level and publisher-level policy.

6.2 Authors are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and adhering to this policy.

6.3 Evidence of consent or consent procedures may be requested by the journal.

6.4 Manuscripts not adhering to these requirements may be subject to rejection or delayed publication pending compliance.

7. Review and Compliance:

7.1 This policy is subject to periodic review to ensure continued alignment with ethical standards.