Canadian Journal of Women and the Law
Policy for Special Issue Proposals

The co-editors of the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law invite proposals for special issues. Special issue proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Please note however, that it can take up to one and a half years from the acceptance of the proposal to expected publication.

Details of Proposals
Special issues will each feature a collection of 6-8 original manuscripts in English and French (ideally in equal proportions) with a shared theme and will have special issue editors. Manuscripts may include articles, commentaries, research notes, case comments and/or book reviews. The special issue editors will have primary editorial responsibility under the general supervision of the Co-Editors. Proposals should come from those who are willing to serve as the special issue editors.

Special issue proposals should provide a proposed title, and set out the topic, objectives, research questions and approaches guiding the volume. The scholarly focus should be clearly explained. A proposal can have articles and authors already identified, or can propose issuing a specific Call for Papers. If articles/authors are already identified, the proposal should include the article abstracts and biographical notes on the contributors. Otherwise, a draft Call for Papers should be included. The proposal should not exceed 5 pages. Proposals should also address the CJWL’s mandate: [https://utorontopress.com/ca/canadian-journal-of-women-and-the-law](https://utorontopress.com/ca/canadian-journal-of-women-and-the-law)

Criteria for Selection
Criteria for selection of successful proposals will include innovation in subject matter or method, quality of proposed analysis with particular regard to inclusiveness, racialization and indigeneity, representation of authors from equality-seeking groups and engagement with French and English scholarship including some relevance or connection to Canada/Canadian women. International content is also encouraged. Proposals should indicate how the special issue addresses these criteria.

Except in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained, a proposed special issue must include at least one paper in French, one pre-tenured scholar, and at least one-third of the contributions must be authored by racialized and/or Indigenous women.

Publication of Special Issue
All submitted manuscripts in a special issue will go through anonymous peer review, with reviewers chosen by special issue editors in consultation with the co-editors of the journal. The special issue editors, in consultation with the co-editors, will decide acceptance of manuscripts.