

**Call for papers for *Journal of International Women's Studies*
special issue – Dalit Women**

Women's empowerment has never been holistic in any society, constantly excluding women in peripheral and marginalized communities. While gender oppression is the common denominator, problems of women across different communities are compounded by structures of race, caste, and class. In the Indian subcontinent, Dalit women are a historically marginalized community that has unique lived experiences, suffering intersectional oppression of caste, class, and gender. The triple marginalized status of Dalit women makes them a separate category whose experience of being a Dalit woman cannot be understood from the location of just being a 'Dalit' or only a 'woman'. It includes the interrelations and interactions which generally reinforce each other. As an "outsider within" the specific issues of Dalit women have only begun to be addressed by mainstream women's movements and by the Dalit political and literary movements, which have been largely patriarchal. JIWS provides a platform for academic scholars, social workers, and human rights activists to highlight and reveal the specific experiences of Dalit women that underline their intersectional forms of subjugation. *Journal of International Women's Studies* invites papers for a special issue on *Dalit Women*. We invite topics on the following issues, as well as related topics proposed by potential authors.

Cast[e]ing gender

Difference and discrimination

Repressive social practices

Ostracism to Dalit Women's activism

Social media and the voice of Dalit women

Motherhood in the Dalit community

Dalit women and human rights

Dalit women and labor

Dalit women and environmental sustainability.

Life Narratives of Dalit women (Study of more than one text is preferred)

Role of translation in the life narratives of Dalit women

JIWS special issue - Dalit Women:

1. Submit your papers (5000 - 7,500 words) by 31st January 2021 to

editorsdwspecial@gmail.com

2. In the subject line, please type "JIWS special issue Dalit Women". Kindly include a brief bio note (100-150 words) and your email id so that interested readers can contact you via email. One of the benefits of publishing in an on-line, open-access journal is its far reach; many past authors have been contacted by readers; sometimes this leads to fruitful collaborations.

3. If possible, please try to have your papers read by someone with excellent English grammar, sentence structure, and writing mechanics, or take the help of the Grammarly.com app before final submission. If the grammar is problematic it will be hard to accept the paper.

****Follow submissions guidelines for formatting from the submissions page of the journal. Submit the paper in MS word and each page should be • 12 Font, Times New Roman• Double spaced with 1-inch margins.**

4. Use the citation style applicable to your discipline.