Introduction

The *Security and Human Rights Monitor (SHRM)* is a multifaceted platform that provides analysis on the work of the OSCE, as well as on security and human rights challenges stemming from the OSCE region and beyond. It looks at the challenge of building security through cooperation across the northern hemisphere, from Vancouver to Vladivostok, as well as how this experience can be applied to other parts of the world. It aims at stimulating thinking on the question of protecting and promoting human rights in a world faced with serious threats to security.

The SHRM has its origins in the Helsinki process that was designed during the Cold War, to bridge East and West on the basis of common principles and cooperative security. It contains a journal section, *Security and Human Rights* (the successor of the *Helsinki Monitor*), but the SHRM is much more than just a journal; in addition to academic articles, this website publishes short critical pieces in the policy section, interviews with high-level politicians and experts, as well as short articles on OSCE-related news. This online accessibility invites a greater audience for increased interactivity and discussion amongst users.

Topics covered on SHRM include: Conflict prevention; protracted conflicts in the OSCE area; East-West relations; Minority issues; Democracy building; Human rights; Counter-terrorism; Cooperative security.

The SHRM not only reflects on developments, it draws attention to problems, and contributes to the policy-making discourse. With its thorough analysis and thought-provoking pieces, the SHRM is a must-read for all those interested and involved in the OSCE, cooperative security and human rights.

The SHRM is the only open-access platform that publishes regularly on OSCE-related topics. It is a respected and well-known source of information and analysis in OSCE circles and beyond. If you wish to reach out to OSCE policy-makers, diplomats, and journalists, you should submit your work to the SHRM. You have a good chance of helping to launch an informed debate and influence the policy discussion. Moreover, the SHRM is interesting for academics working in the field of security and human rights, as the Monitor has a strong peer review system characterized by speed: articles can be published online within a few weeks, thus allowing for thorough academic analysis on topical developments. Finally, the SHRM has the support of the acclaimed academic publisher Brill, which will publish once a year a hard copy of the academic articles the Monitor has published online.

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- Choose a thematic or country-specific topic.
- For the analysis column: Stick to a concise analysis and develop a clear message. You may also include policy recommendations.
- For the opinion column: Develop a clear and strong fact-based argument with your personal opinion.
- Use a concise and clear title.
- Stay within the limit of 1000-1200 words.
- Use UK or US spelling consistently throughout your article.
- Indicate your sources through hyperlinks rather than footnotes.
- Place direct quotations in quotation marks.
- Submit the article as a flat text (Word Document).
- Include a short biography of yourself.

Before Submitting

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Submitting

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