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# HUMAN AFFAIRS

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A Postdisciplinary Journal for Humanities & Social Sciences

## Call for Papers FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE NATURE OF HUMAN NATURE?

In modernity, the concept of human nature has been traditionally regarded as foundational, universalistic and essential for our self-understanding of what it means to be human. While heavily attacked by postmodernists, contemporary cognitive and evolutionary science, is making robust efforts to restore the concept.

**HUMAN AFFAIRS** invites submissions of papers for its next issue (**VOLUME 13, NUMBER 2, DECEMBER 2003**) devoted to **an exploration of the above topic**. Contributions drawing on all fields of the humanities and the social sciences, but also transcending them, are welcome focusing primarily (though not exclusively) on issues such as:

- Is there any nature of human nature?
- What is the relationship between the biological and social aspects of human nature?
- Is human nature a blank slate or socially constructed?
- Are all human beings of equal value?
- Is human nature a useful concept?
- Human nature and evolution
- Human nature and creativity
- Human nature and rationality
- Human nature and emotionality
- Human nature and sexuality
- Human nature and politics
- The future of human nature

### *Submission Guidelines*

Please follow the guidelines for submissions as stated on the cover or the website of **HUMAN AFFAIRS**.

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**Manuscripts due: October 30, 2003 (in English), September 30, 2003 (in Slovak, Czech)**

All information and communications concerning submissions should be addressed to the Editorial Office.

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### Mission and Scope Statement

*Human Affairs* (founded in 1990) is a postdisciplinary and international journal for humanities and social sciences published in English by the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia. It aims to bring together contributions from all traditional and non-traditional fields of humanities and social science which relate to crucial contemporary human affairs. The underlying editorial strategy is to advance human self-understanding and communication via publishing innovative theoretical, interpretative, critical and historical contributions transcending traditional disciplinary and cultural frontiers. By publishing original and theoretical articles, empirical studies and their interpretations, reviews and notes, *Human Affairs* serves the mission of fostering multicultural and international conversation concerning the whole range of human and social issues.

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