



Call for Papers: The Intersection of Social Justice and Social Entrepreneurship

Social entrepreneurship has emerged as a powerful force for addressing social inequalities, blending entrepreneurial innovation with a mission to create positive societal change. The intersection of social justice and social entrepreneurship presents a unique and vital area of research, as it offers insights into how businesses can serve as agents of social change, particularly in marginalized communities. This Special Issue Call for Papers (CFP), issued in partnership with the 2nd Annual Morehouse Social Justice and Social Entrepreneurship Symposium and the International Council for Small Business, seeks to explore how social justice principles are integrated into social entrepreneurship, and how these efforts can contribute to equitable development and support humane entrepreneurship (Parente et al., 2018).

Recent scholarship has highlighted the growing significance of social entrepreneurship in tackling global challenges such as poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation (cf., Liguori et al., 2024; Morris et al., 2020). However, the intersection with social justice remains underexplored, particularly in terms of how entrepreneurial ventures can systematically address structural inequalities. This CFP aims to delve into this critical intersection, fostering a deeper understanding of how social entrepreneurship can be a catalyst for social justice.

Social justice, with its focus on fairness, equity, and the protection of human rights, intersects with social entrepreneurship in complex ways. Social entrepreneurs often operate in challenging environments, where they must balance the pursuit of social impact with financial sustainability (e.g., Duarte Alonso et al., 2020). The integration of social justice into social entrepreneurship requires not only innovative business models but also a deep commitment to addressing root causes of inequality. This CFP invites scholars to explore these dynamics, examining the strategies, challenges, and outcomes associated with social entrepreneurship that prioritizes social justice.

Accordingly, this CFP specifically seeks original papers exploring the intersection of social justice and social entrepreneurship. Potential topics for submissions include, but are not limited to:

- The role of social entrepreneurship in addressing systemic inequalities and promoting social justice
- Strategies for integrating social justice into the core mission and operations of social enterprises
- The Role of Humane Entrepreneurship in Advancing Social Justice

- The impact of social entrepreneurship on marginalized communities and vulnerable populations
- Challenges and opportunities in balancing social justice goals with financial sustainability in social enterprises
- The role of policy and government support in fostering social entrepreneurship aimed at achieving social justice
- How social entrepreneurship can contribute to the empowerment of underrepresented groups
- The ethical considerations and dilemmas faced by social entrepreneurs committed to social justice
- The impact of social justice-oriented social entrepreneurship on global challenges such as poverty, education, and healthcare
- The role of education and training in preparing the next generation of social entrepreneurs to tackle social justice issues
- Innovative financing mechanisms for social enterprises focused on social justice
- Collaborations between social enterprises, NGOs, and governments in advancing social justice goals

Symposium & Journal Submission Process:

- The symposium will accept both extended abstract and full paper submissions via the JICSB submission system. All submissions will undergo blind peer review. Those accepted for presentation at the symposium will be invited to revise their submission for publication in JICSB.
- JICSB papers should inform policy makers and practitioners, so writing with these audiences in mind is requisite. While symposium submissions may be extended abstracts, JICSB manuscript submissions will ultimately need to be developed into full 8-12 page papers (double-spaced, excluding tables, figures, and references) to be considered for publication. There is no obligation authors who submit to and present at the symposium ultimately elect to submit their work to JICSB for final publication.
- Contributions from interdisciplinary perspectives are encouraged.
- Submission Instructions:
 - System URL: <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/ucsb20>
 - Important: When asked if this submission is part of a special issue select yes, then choose Morehouse Symposium from the dropdown menu. This will ensure the submission is routed to the symposium team for processing.
- Morehouse Symposium Website:

Important Dates / Timeline:

- Symposium Abstract Submission Deadline: February 15, 2025
- Symposium Acceptance Decisions Sent: March 1, 2025

- Note: submissions will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, so submitting early will result in an earlier acceptance/rejection decision.
- Symposium Presentations @ Morehouse: April 3-5, 2025
- Full JICSB Paper Submission Deadline: May 15, 2025
- JICSB Publication Revision and/or Final Decisions: July 1, 2025
- Articles on Online First: within 30-days of proofs being approved
- Anticipated Issue Publication: December 2025

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