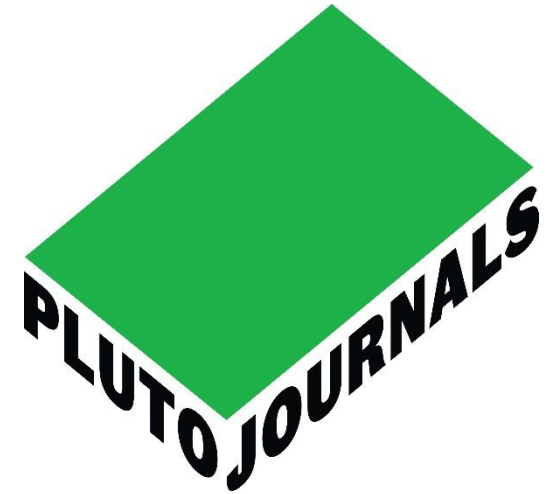


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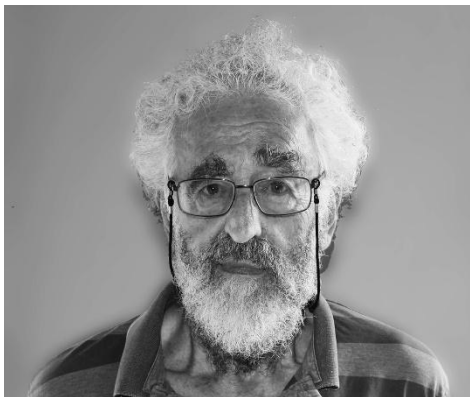
PLUTO JOURNALS



Pluto Journals publish 20 Diamond Open Access, radical, scholarly journals that are at the cutting edge of social science research and represent a global re-orientation of learning. We are an independent London based publisher that is owned by the not-for-profit Pluto Educational Trust. In 2021, we made our whole collection Open Access, hugely increasing usage across the world and democratising access to this valuable and significant research.

In 2024, user engagement continued to grow at 30% across the collection and more of our journals have been included in the scholarly indexes increasing their impact and profile. We are members of OASPA and most of our journals are now indexed on DOAJ.

Working with our partners the African Book Collective, we are pleased to have established the African Journals Initiative to Internationalise African Social Science and Humanities journals.

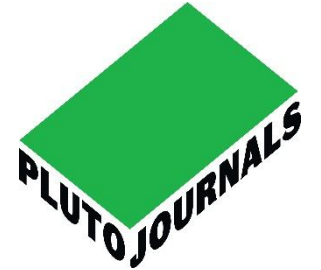


We have become a registered supplier to Lyris, the Greater Western Library Alliance and Jisc, which means that members can support our collection of 20 Diamond Open Access Social Science journals.

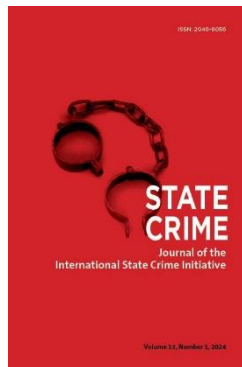
We rely on the support of libraries to publish this valuable open access collection and we are very grateful to all the libraries that have supported us to date.

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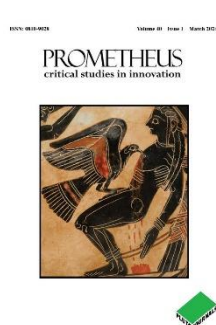


Our peer-reviewed journals cover key contemporary issues ranging from Islamic studies and post colonialism to political economy and labour rights, to intersectionality and disability studies. Over the last year, our journals have seen a significant increase in usage and impact, and more of our journals have been indexed on **SCOPUS** and included in **CABS Academic Journal Guide**.



International Journal of Disability Studies and Social Justice (IJDSJ) is an international and interdisciplinary journal in the field of Disability Studies, providing an outlet for scholars and academic-activists. It is concerned with critiquing injustice and finding ways to build inclusive environments, technologies and societies.

State Crime is administered by the International State Crime Initiative (ISCI). ISCI is a cross-disciplinary research centre working to further our understanding of state crime. State Crime Journal is the first peer-reviewed, international journal that seeks to disseminate leading research on the illicit practices of states.

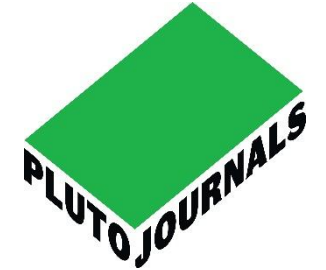


Prometheus publishes critical papers, that express and justify opinions on innovation issues that challenge prevailing views. Prometheus aims to publish papers that are not so technical or specialised that they cannot be appreciated by a wide readership that includes academics, practitioners and policymakers.

Work Organisation, Labour and Globalisation aims to create a single, authoritative source of information on the new international division of labour, combining theoretical analysis with the results of empirical research in a way that is accessible both to the research community and to policy makers.



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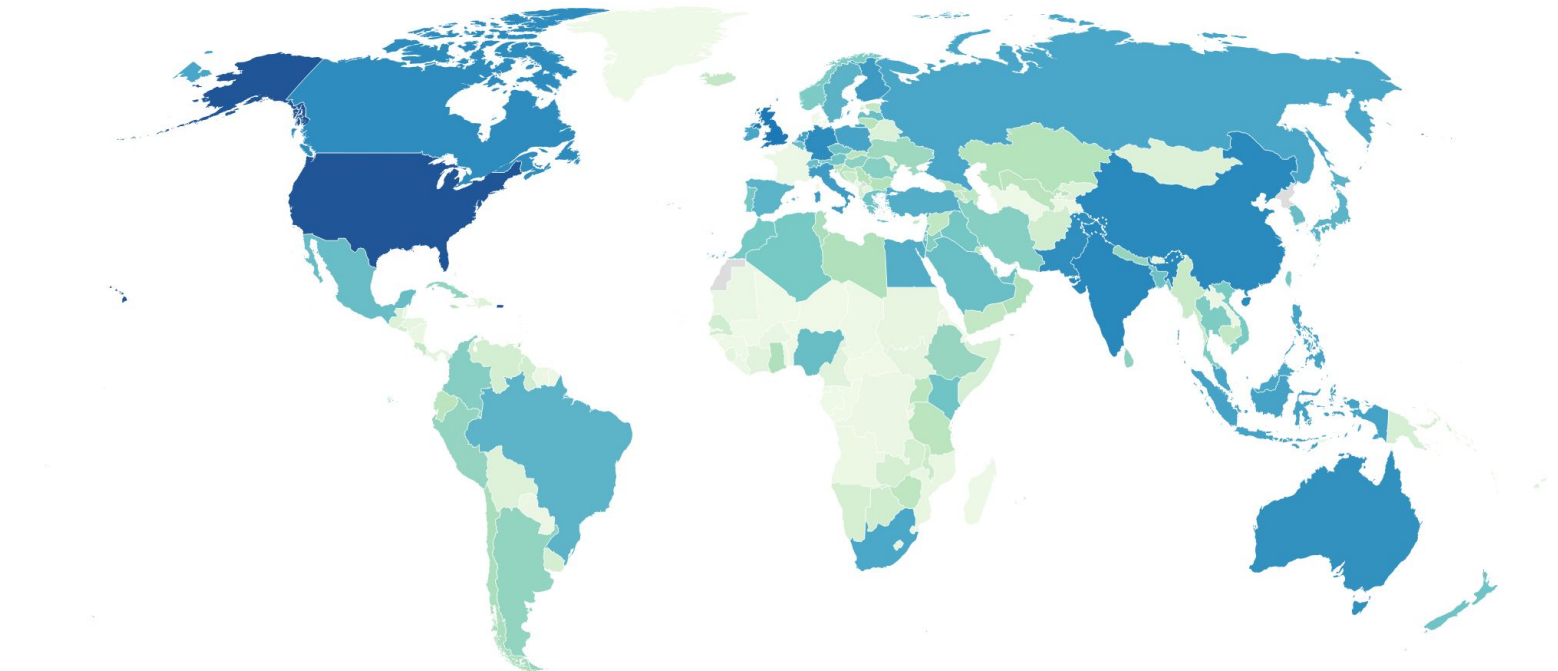
Our collection is hosted on [ScienceOpen](#) and [JSTOR](#) who have been great partners, enabling us to make our publications available as widely as possible and through academic libraries across the world. With their support, we have seen our user engagement in 2024 grow to **2,329,100** which is a **31%** increase on 2023.

Country	Total
United States	914811
United Kingdom	174108
India	95637
China	88278
Canada	75158
Germany	74904
France	68200
Pakistan	62395
Singapore	59473
Australia	53697
Finland	37556
Italy	35712
Hong Kong	29732
Indonesia	26567
Netherlands	25784
Poland	23876
Philippines	22082
Republic of Ireland	21374
Russia	19537
Malaysia	18890

Total Usage 2024



Pluto Journals Total User Engagement



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* Combined usage from ScienceOpen and JSTOR.

POPULAR ARTICLES



We published more than 300 articles last year.

Here is a selection of highly used articles, demonstrating the range of critical topics covered:

Islamophobia and Law Enforcement in a Post 9/11 World - *Islamophobia Studies Journal* 3.1

Commodification of Healthcare and its Consequences - *World Review of Political Economy* 8.1

Promoting democracy or pursuing hegemony? An analysis of U.S. involvement in the Middle East - *Journal of Global Faultlines* 6.2

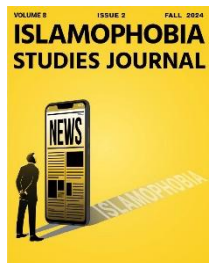
Russia-Ukraine War - *Policy Perspective* 19.1

Impacto socioeconómico de la migración en Cuba, 2022 - *International Journal of Cuban Studies* 15.1

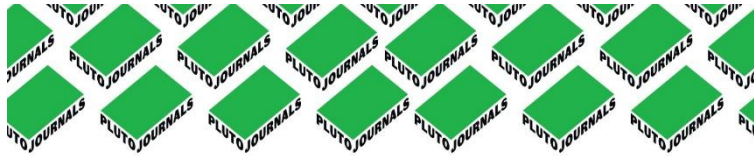
Germany's Never-Ending Guilt Trip - *Arab Studies Quarterly* 45.1

Black Excellence and the Curse of Ham: Debating Race and Slavery in the Islamic Tradition - *ReOrient* 5.1

Exploring the Use of South African Ethnic and Racial Slurs on Social Media - *International Journal of Diversity Studies* 3.1



SUPPORTING JOURNALS



February Newsletter

DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL PUBLISHER

Pluto Journals is an international, Diamond Open Access, scholarly publisher in the social sciences, it is owned by the not-for-profit Pluto Educational Trust. As such, it plays a unique and valuable role serving the establishment of new fields of critical scholarship.

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We have a monthly Pluto Journals newsletter, highlighting all recently-published articles and which we promote on LinkedIn and BlueSky.

We also work actively with our journals to increase their discoverability and grow their usage offering support to improve the use of metadata.

The majority of our journals are now included in the **Directory of Open Access Journals** (DOAJ), the quality standard in Open Access journal publishing.

More of our journal are now indexed on **SCOPUS** and are included in the **CABS Academic Journal Guide**.



AFRICAN JOURNALS INITIATIVE

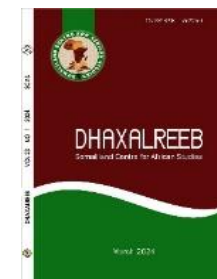
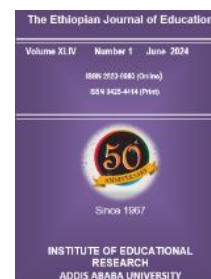
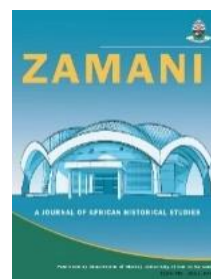


The [African Journals Initiative](#) has been established by [Pluto Journals](#) and the [African Books Collective](#), working with a growing community of no-fee, diamond open access, social science and humanities journals based in African universities, and supported by [ScienceOpen](#) and [JSTOR](#).

It is a three-year pilot programme to:

- Enhance the profile and discoverability of African journals
- Increase journal usage and submissions
- Mobilise financial support from academic libraries and consortia

An [Advisory Board](#) of African Academics with considerable experience of continent-wide programmes has been convened to support the initiative. The initiative will work with six established African social science and humanities journals annually.



LIBRARY SUPPORTERS



Over the year we have had many conversations with libraries. We appreciate the time they have spent talking to us and we are particularly grateful to the growing number of libraries that have supported our collection. As the collection is Diamond Open Access, free to read with no author facing fees, we rely on support from libraries to cover the costs of hosting and publishing.

Open Access Supporters

Pluto Journals has been proudly publishing Diamond Open Access Journals since 2021, with the support of the library community, which actively embraces alternative models of Open Access. This would not be possible without the invaluable contributions of libraries and their commitment to making scholarly research freely accessible to all.

We want to thank the institutions listed below for their commitment to Open Access and their support of the Pluto Journals collection:

Yale University

Columbia University

Vassar College

University of Nottingham

Max Planck Digital Library

New York University

University of Sheffield

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

University of Leeds

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University of Cambridge

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Princeton University

Iowa State University

University of St. Gallen

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

LIBRARY CONSORTIA



We work closely with library consortia to establish sustainable library support, ensuring that high-quality, peer-reviewed research remains openly available without author-facing fees. This collaborative approach leverages existing resources and collective commitment to build a sustainable Open Access model.



In the last year we have become a registered supplier to **Lyrasis** and **Greater Western Library Alliance**.



We are an authorised supplier to **Jisc**, the consortia organisation for UK Academic libraries, which means that UK institutions can support our collection of 20 Diamond Open Access Social Science Journals or just our **Islamic Journals Collection** which includes ***Arab Studies Quarterly, Islamophobia Studies Journal, ReOrient, Bethlehem University, and Journal of Indentureship and its Legacies.***

<https://subscriptionsmanager.jisc.ac.uk/catalogue/3067>

SUMMARY



- All of our journals have been Open Access since 2021.
- Authors are not charged an Author Processing Charge (APC).
- We are owned by the not-for-profit [Pluto Educational Trust](#).
- Last year, our articles had 2,329,100 user engagements which is a 31% increase on 2023.
- We published more than 300 articles, covering a significant range of disciplines and have included hot topics like migration, SDG's, climate change, race and identity, and decolonisation.
- We are an authorised supplier to Lyrasis, the GWLA and [Jisc](#), the UK library consortium
- Our journals are hosted on [ScienceOpen](#), [JSTOR](#) and EBSCO.
- We are a member of [OASPA](#).
- We have established the [African Journals Initiative](#) to Internationalise African HSS journals.

PLUTO JOURNALS TITLES



Please follow the links below for more information about each title:

<u>Arab Studies Quarterly</u>	<u>Journal of Global Faultlines</u>
<u>Bethlehem University Journal</u>	<u>Policy Perspectives</u>
<u>Decolonial Horizons</u>	<u>Prometheus</u>
<u>Groundings</u>	<u>ReOrient</u>
<u>International Journal of Critical Diversity Studies</u>	<u>Socialist Lawyer</u>
<u>International Journal of Cuban Studies</u>	<u>State Crime Journal</u>
<u>International Journal of Disability and Social Justice</u>	<u>Journal of Intersectionality</u>
<u>Islamophobia Studies Journal</u>	<u>Work Organisation, Labour & Globalisation</u>
<u>Journal of Indentureship and its Legacies</u>	<u>World Review of Political Economy</u>
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