

CHOOSING YOUR SECTION

OxMo is divided into sections and authors have to select which section their publication is suited for. The sections are (1) monitors, including the policy monitor, law monitor and field monitor, (2) first-hand section and (3) academic articles section. When preparing your article, please follow our style and section guidelines and make sure to consult our previous issues.

Please email your submission and additional information to oxmofm@gmail.com. In order to ensure a blind review process, we will remove your name and identifiers before forwarding your submission to the respective section editors who will start the review process. Note that for the first-hand section, it is possible to opt out of the blind review and choose to apply to the first-hand section editors directly in order to receive more guidance in the submission process.

Monitor Sections

The Field, Law and Policy Monitors seek to engage with pressing issues that affect the day to day lives of forced migrants. Articles published in these sections address legal, social, political concerns at the local, national and international level. The primary purpose of the Field, Law and Policy Monitors is to examine, assess and analyse matters that pertain to forced migrants as well as local communities in times of displacement, asylum, return or resettlement on the ground and at the policy level. The Monitors also seek to draw attention to developments taking shape and their possible implications on policy and practice.

Monitor articles include but are not limited to assessments of projects or policies of international organisations, NGOs, national governments, human rights violations, and conditions in refugee camps or detention centres. We also seek submissions that offer hope for the future. Such articles may explore innovative practices and advancements geared towards countering forced migration predicaments or report best practices.

Submissions to the Monitor sections may take the form of an article, an essay, a critique, a discussion or a report and should be no longer than 1500 words. Submissions need not be in the style of an academic article. Monitor submissions should be short, to the point, and informal.

Policy Monitor

For the Policy Monitor, we are seeking critical analyses of current and emerging policies and practises undertaken by governments, NGOs and UN organisations that pertain to forced migration situations or forced migrants in times of displacement, asylum, return or resettlement.

Law Monitor

For the Law Monitor, we welcome analyses of national and international laws, rulings, government policies and practices as well as legal developments taking shape and their possible implications for the rights of forced migrants.

Field Monitor

In the Field Monitor, we are interested in hearing from those who have had direct experience with forced migrants—including but not limited to work or research in the field, or engagement with forced migrants.

First-Hand Section

The First-Hand Section encourages currently or formerly displaced writers to submit articles reflecting on their experiences.

This may take the form of a report of the activities of the agencies within a refugee camp, discussion of a particular problem that has not been given due attention, or commentary on government policies in a specific country, region or locality. We seek critical, balanced analyses that allow the reader to gain an understanding of the context in which the report is written and that engages with wider implications of the situation described.

Articles for First-Hand should not be longer than 1500 words. At present we are only able to accept submissions in English. However, as we seek to make the section as accessible as possible, please contact the Editors-in-Chief to explore options for submissions in other languages.

Please send your submissions and any queries to oxmofm@gmail.com (when opting for a blind review process) or firsthand.oxmofm@gmail.com (when choosing for the editorial support option).

Academic Articles

The Academic Articles section provides a space for thorough scholarship and serves as a forum for students to engage critically with practical and conceptual issues relating to forced migration. Papers published in the Academic Articles section interrogate the existing literature on forced migration and conduct in-depth research. As we recognise and value the multidisciplinary nature of Forced Migration Studies we encourage submissions from across various academic disciplines including but not limited to: political science, law, anthropology, ethics, philosophy, sociology, economics and media studies.

Every piece will be subjected to a rigorous peer review process. This review process will be a valuable opportunity for feedback on their work. The selection of papers will not be bound by a theme (e.g. urban displacement) to emphasise the merit-based selection process that will be applied to all submissions.

Submissions must not exceed the maximum word limit of 6000 words per paper including footnotes (which must be kept to a minimum).