
CALL FOR PAPERS

Acta Criminologica: African Journal of Criminology and Victimology

Theme: **Building an Inclusive Criminology**

We invite papers for a special issue of *Acta Criminologica: African Journal of Criminology and Victimology*, edited in collaboration with the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology's Division of People of Color and Crime.

The global context in which African criminologists and criminologists in the African Diaspora now work calls for understanding and accounting for a diversity of perspectives. Policy interventions are imported from abroad, criminal activities span international borders, web and social media bring change to internal norms, increasing interconnectivity brings disease from one side of the globe and the politics of law enforcement from another. More and more, increasing integration with the outside world provides allies to once silenced voices, stages for those once invisible, and pressures to include the full scope of local and national, as well as international, perspectives.

In that spirit, this edition lays the foundation for a more 'inclusive' criminology, integrating alternative perspectives, incorporating additional viewpoints, and expanding our ways of knowing. While this requires an inclusive body of scholars, this issue centers on the question: **Who is engaged in criminology in Africa today and – importantly – who else should be?**

We call for papers contemplating:

- What does it mean for criminology to be 'inclusive'? What is value of striving for an inclusive criminology? How can this happen?
- To what extent is the African continent's full scope of lived experiences, backgrounds, social positions, and cultural and historical heritages represented in criminology?
- How does diversity amongst criminologists influence the range of epistemological traditions, subjects of interest, methodological choices, and interpretive stances?
- Does African criminology need to be diversified? Is it already diversifying? How?

For this edition, we encourage empirical studies using quantitative, qualitative, mixed or indigenous research methods, original but substantive 'thought pieces', and scholarly commentaries on the state of criminology and movements or ideas in the African continent and the Diaspora African communities to make it more inclusive. We also encourage interdisciplinary works or those applying theories or methods from other fields to issues of crime and criminal justice. We encourage submissions from emerging and early career scholars along with established scholars, as well as co-writing between senior and junior scholars, across disciplinary and demographic identity, and international collaboration. Building an inclusive criminology is a project of international scope; therefore, we also encourage transboundary, cross-national collaboration.



Editorial Policy

Acta Criminologica is a peer-reviewed academic journal. When considering your submission, it is also important to remember that uncritical synthesis of literature without contributing any new insight to existing knowledge falls outside the scope of this journal. Please refer to the CRIMSA website for the Editorial Policy as well as Author Guidelines. <http://www.crimsa.ac.za/acta.html>

Submissions and Process	Due Date:
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