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Special Edition of *Acta Criminologica:*
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SPECIAL EDITION THEME: CYBERCRIME

The Editorial Team of the CRIMSA Journal: *Acta Criminologica: African Journal of Criminology & Victimology*, invite scholars, practitioners and researchers to submit articles for consideration for publication in a Special Edition of the journal scheduled for publication in 2025.

Special Edition Theme: *Cybercrime*

Cybercrime encompasses a wide range of criminal activities that are carried out using digital devices and/or networks. These crimes involve the use of technology to commit fraud, identity theft, data breaches, computer viruses, scams, and expanded upon in other malicious criminal/illicit acts. Most cybercrime is committed by cybercriminals or hackers who want to make money. However, occasionally cybercrime aims to damage computers or networks for reasons other than profit. These could be political (for example: state-sponsored cyberespionage or cyberwarfare) or for personal motives. The necessity of internet connectivity has enabled an increase in the volume and pace of cybercrime activities since the cybercriminals no longer need to be physically present when committing a cybercrime. The internet's speed, convenience, anonymity and lack of borders make computer-based variations of financial crimes, such as: ransomware; fraud and money laundering, as well as crimes such as stalking and bullying, easier to carry out.

Sub-themes

There are a wide-range of diverse topics that fall under the mantle of 'cybercrime' and author(s) are encouraged to make use and explore the many sub-themes available (note: not limited to these), for example:

Social engineering & phishing; Hacking, data breaches & ransomware; Online child sexual exploitation and abuse; Soliciting, producing, or possessing child pornography; Sexting & sextortion; Cyberstalking; Cyberbullying; Social media facilitated GBV; Theft of corporate data; Cyberextortion and blackmail of individuals; Email (Business Enterprise Compromise) and internet fraud; Identity theft to steal financial account, credit card or other payment card information; Financial and fraudulent cyberscams; Cyberscams (dating-romance /'Hello Dear...'/ 'Pig Butchering'/ Ponzis/Pyramids); Cyber piracy; cryptojacking; malware and credential theft; Dark Net and illicit 'underground' black markets; cybersecurity responses (policies and strategies) to cybercrime; combating of cyberattacks by law enforcement agencies.

We strongly encourage the submission of articles from emerging and early-career scholars, post-graduate students, as well as more established scholars. In addition, we also support the process of co-writing of articles between more 'senior scholars' and those who are 'emerging scholars'.

Guest Editor: Special Edition – Cybercrime

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Abstract submission date

Author(s) are requested to submit an *Abstract* (file to be labelled as: *Cybercrime_abstract_1st author surname*) of no more than **300 words** to the Editor-in-Chief at the following email:

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Besides the abstract this file also to contain title of proposed paper; full names+surnames of author(s); title; affiliations; contact details.

Abstract submission due date (no later than):

15 November 2024

Author(s) will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance of their abstracts no later than:

10 December 2024

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- i) Editorial Policy;
- ii) Guidelines for authors: Referencing style;
- iii) Technical and formatting (article structure) requirements.

Articles are to follow all technical and referencing guidelines as set out in documents (ii & iii above). The first document also provides information regarding the procedure for the online submission of articles.

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If an author(s)' abstract is accepted, authors are requested to submit online their draft paper on the theme focus of this special edition for further processing and possible placement in the journal's review processes no later than:

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