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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Themes for this Volume

The Journal invites original and previously unpublished articles, notes, comments, and book reviews for its third Volume, to be tentatively released in March 2025, from academicians,

professionals, research scholars, and students enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate program in a university.

Authors can contribute articles on any of the following themes or any topic related to the areas mentioned below:

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1.1 Review of Legislations Relating to Forensic Justice

1.1.1 Critical Review of New Legislations and Policies Impacting Forensic Justice

1.1.2 The Evolution of Procedural Safeguards in Forensic Investigations

1.1.3 Ensuring Fair Trials: Bridging Gaps in Forensic Evidence Utilization

2. **Investigation**

2.1 **Crimes Scene Management**

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3.1.1 Judging Scientific Evidence: The Role of Judges in Interpreting Forensics

3.1.2 Admissibility of Forensic Evidence: A Comparative Legal Analysis

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4.1.2 Role of AI and Machine Learning in Firearm Evidence Analysis

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4.2.1 Ethical Issues in DNA Profiling and Database Maintenance

4.2.2 DNA Evidence in Cold Cases: Reviving Justice

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 - 4.3.2 Climate Change and Forensics: Investigating Environmental Violations
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 - 4.5.2 Post-Mortem Toxicology: Challenges in Identifying Rare Substances
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 - 4.6.1 Behavioral Profiling in Serial Crimes: Emerging Patterns and Limitations
 - 4.6.2 Psychological Autopsies in Forensic Investigations
- 5. **Anthropology**
 - 5.1 **Wildlife Forensics**
 - 5.1.1 Wildlife Crime Investigations: Techniques and Legal Frameworks
 - 5.1.2 Role of Forensic Science in Combating Illegal Poaching and Trade
- 6. **International**
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 - 6.1.1 Forensic Justice in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Disaster Recovery
 - 6.1.2 Role of Forensic Science in Identifying Victims of Mass Atrocities
 - 6.2 **Marine**
 - 6.2.1 Investigating Maritime Crimes: Piracy, Shipwrecks, and Environmental Spills

6.2.2 Underwater Forensics: Advancements in Evidence Collection

6.3 **Forensics in Conflict Zones**

6.3.1 Challenges of Forensic Investigations in War and Conflict Areas

6.3.2 The Role of Forensic Science in Documenting War Crimes

7. **Criminal Justice System**

7.1 **Interoperable Criminal Justice System**

7.1.1 Data Integration and Forensics: ICJS as a Model for Evidence-Based Justice

7.2 **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System**

7.2.1 Digital Forensics and CCTNS: Unlocking the Future of Crime Detection

7.3 **Contemporary Developments**

7.3.1 Innovations in Forensic Science: Meeting the Needs of Modern Justice

7.3.2 The Impact of Emerging Technologies on the Criminal Justice System

7.4 **E-courts**

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7.5 **Access to Justice**

7.5.1 Role of Forensic Science in Ensuring Equitable Access to Justice

7.5.2 Overcoming Barriers in Justice Delivery through Scientific Interventions

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