Call for Papers

The editorial team of Contemporary Challenges: the Global Crime, Justice and Security Journal (CCJ) is glad to announce the call for papers for Volume 7.

The CCJ has been led by the students of the University of Edinburgh since its inception in 2020. It was established with the aspiration to advance a multi-disciplinary approach to issues of global crime, justice and security that have traditionally been dealt with in compartmentalised academic fields. We believe that this has contributed to the formation of functional academic silos that are counterproductive when discerning responses to contemporary challenges.

The CCJ employs a mix of single-blind and open peer review and our editorial board is made up of postgraduate students from a variety of disciplines including law, criminology and international relations. This diversity of academic backgrounds allows us to engage with contemporary challenges with an intersectional and comprehensive view.

More information about the journal and previous volumes can be found at the CCJ website: https://journals.ed.ac.uk/ccj

We are looking for papers that fall within the scope of the journal which includes, but is not limited to:

❖ Security and Conflict (e.g. atrocities, terrorism, war, and organised crime)
❖ Criminological Theory and Justice (e.g. theoretical essays, alternative justice models, post-conflict societies, and international criminal tribunals)
❖ Discrimination and Human Rights (e.g. issues of gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity, human and environmental rights)
❖ Policing and Prisons (e.g. police and prison reform/abolition, mass incarceration, crime control, including technological advances).
❖ International Crime (e.g. war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and crimes of aggression)
❖ Short Commentaries, Case Law Reviews (any jurisdiction) or Book Reviews pertaining to the aforementioned subjects

Authors that are unsure about whether their submission falls within the scope of the journal should refer to the previously published volumes of the journal or contact the Editor-in-Chief or the Deputy Editors-in-Chief.

CCJ's Submission Preparation Checklist and How to Submit a Paper section carefully before submitting. It can be found at this link:

- ❖ https://journals.ed.ac.uk/ccj/about/submissions

Please note the required word count is 800 - 2,500 for commentaries and reviews and 2,500 - 6,000 for articles and the required referencing style is Chicago footnotes.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the editorial team at: ccjournal.edi@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting a paper is **23 February 2026** and the editorial team will contact you regarding acceptance of your paper by **early April 2026.**

We look forward to receiving your papers for consideration.

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