



Chief Editors' Introduction: Vol 1(1)

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We are delighted to release the first edition of the *International Journal for Crime and Justice* and warmly thank the International Editorial Board, Assistant Editors Juan Tauri and Belinda Carpenter, book review editor Sharon Hayes and Managing Editor Alison McIntosh for all their hard work in preparing the material contained in this edition.

The idea for the journal sprang from having so many excellent refereed papers presented at the first international conference on *Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* hosted by the School of Justice, QUT, that couldn't fit into the same named book¹. Keynote speakers came from the UK (Pat Carlen), US (Elliot Currie), and New Zealand (John Pratt). A selection of papers published in the conference proceedings were reviewed by members of the International Editorial Board for the first edition of this journal. We are delighted that the product of so much of that stimulation has been captured in the first edition of the journal. There will be three editions a year, published in March, July and November with one focusing on a specific theme. In 2013 the theme for the first special edition is Indigenous perspectives on crime, justice and social democracy, with critical commentaries from scholars from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the US and African nations.

The first edition contains six papers that we believe demonstrate the scope of the new journal and the range of scholarly research that is currently being produced in the board area of crime, justice and social democracy, from Bridget Lewis's critical discussion of the interconnections between environmental issues, environmental justice and human rights and David Indermaur's discussion on enhancing public input into the development of sentencing policy, to Angela Dwyer's provocative piece on the policing of sexual/gender diversity on the streets of Brisbane. Other papers focus on topics that have of late figured prominently in scholarly and media discussions of social justice, including Tim Prenzler and Rick Sarre's work on the regulation of the security industry, Tamara Tulich's thoughtful piece on Australia's domestic anti-terrorism legislation and Michael Salter's provocative analysis of the role of invalidation as a neglected dimension of gender-based inequality.

The *International Journal for Crime and Justice* is a blind peer reviewed journal that seeks to publish high impact research about common challenges confronting justice practitioners, governments and criminal justice systems around the world.

We invite 6-8000 word submissions that address these broad issues from a plurality of perspectives and disciplines. Authors may also consider pieces that fit within or across one or more of the following topics.

- Penal Policy and Punishment in the Global Era.
- Policing, Security and Democratic Freedoms.
- Sex, Gender and Justice.
- Eco-Justice, Corporate Crime and Corruption.
- Social, Criminal and Indigenous Justice.
- Crime, Courts & Justice Institutions.

We encourage prospective users – readers, authors and librarians – to register through the journal's website at <https://www.crimejusticejournal.com/>. This will trigger notification of each new edition of the journal through the publication notification service and is a requirement for authors interested in submitting to the journal.

1 The keynote and panel presentations have now been published as a book: Carrington K, Ball M, O'Brien E and Tauri J (eds) (2012) *Crime, Justice and Social Democracy: New International Perspectives*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.