SPECIAL ISSUE ‘DEFUND/ABOLISH THE POLICE’ – CALL FOR PAPERS

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The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, US has refocused global attention on racial injustice and inequity. In Australia the families of Tanya Day, David Dungay and Wayne Fella Morrison (among others) have been instrumental in raising public awareness about the issues raised by the Black and Aboriginal Lives Matter movement. The aim of this special issue is to bring together international critical policing research scholars who, in their methodological and conceptual work, foreground the often overlooked experiences of the policed. Because our central interest is in scholarship engaged with the policed, the special issue is not limited to scholarship focused on state police in the criminal legal system, and also seeks contributions from scholars working on border policing, communitarian forms of policing, and diverse forms of managerial controls. The special issue’s priority is to foster reflexive research practice in support of diverse community anti-racism, de-colonisation and abolitionist agendas.

For this special issue on Defund/Abolish the Police, guest editors are seeking contributions that engage with the following topics or approaches:

- Critical socio-legal, post-colonial and criminological research on policing directly informed by social practices, community development or campaign work.
- Policing and ‘race’/colonialism/decolonisation/abolitionism/the state.
- Police power and violence, police killings, deaths in custody.
- Border policing and administrative violence.
- The policing of racialised and First Nations peoples.
- Self-determination and First Nations projects.
- Critical studies of ‘police partnership’ research.
- Activist scholarship, lessons from working with social movements, ethics and community accountability.
- Anti-police perspectives.
- Contemporary alternatives to police and visions of a world without police.

The IJCJSD especially welcomes contributions from policed communities including but not limited to Black and First Nations writers, researchers, community practitioners, community organisations and collectives, and activists.

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1. Articles should be between 6,000-8,000 words in length (including abstract, appendices and references)
2. Authors are reminded that the Journal’s focus is broad and international, and manuscripts should be written with this in mind
3. The manuscript should also include an abstract of no more than 150 words
4. Please also include three to six key words.

Contributors are encouraged to submit their full papers before 30 August 2021

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