



Crime, Justice and Social Harms Two-day International Conference 31 March – 1 April 2020, Keble College Oxford

Call for papers

How social harms are understood, questioned and tackled can have a profound effect on how communities approach crime and justice. This conference comes at a time when communities across the world are experiencing change and uncertainty affecting how they understand themselves and challenges to the status quo. Coping with, responding to and supporting such uncertainty and change brings challenges for political institutions, criminal justice agencies and civic society in developing values, strategies and systems. We will bring together academics, parliamentarians, practitioners and those directly affected by the criminal justice system to discuss, reflect on and suggest alternative strategies.

The Howard League's conference will consider the intersection of issues relating to crime, justice and social harms. Building on the Howard League's Commission on Crime and Problem Gambling and the burgeoning international concern around it, we are keen to explore the impact of problem gambling on patterns of crime and the societal harms that link crime and problem gambling.

The Howard League is looking for papers from academics, policy makers, practitioners, PhD students and researchers from within the criminological and legal disciplines, however we are also keen to include contributions from fields of study including philosophy, geography, political science and economics. We will consider theoretical, policy, practice-based and more innovative contributions around a wide range of issues that encompass the broad theme of justice and the wider conference themes. We would particularly welcome papers on the following themes, however other topics will also be positively considered:

- political instability, austerity and social change
- addictions as a social harm including gambling, drugs and alcohol
- racism as a social harm
- cybercrime, technology and social media
- policing
- sentencing and legal change
- the role of probation, prisons and the criminal justice system in responding to social harms
- community and civil society's responses to social harms
- relationships and responsibility of social, health and (criminal) justice
- gender, men and masculinities
- equality and social justice
- women, gender and justice
- overuse of the penal system: mass imprisonment, mass supervision and mass surveillance
- poverty and criminal justice
- domestic violence as a social harm
- young people, young adults – social justice and criminal justice
- victims of crime in a social harm context

Abstract guidelines

Abstracts should be a maximum of 200 words and include a title and 4–5 key words. Your submission should be submitted in English. Papers will normally be presented in panel sessions with 3 or 4 papers presented in either slots of 20 or 15 minutes, followed by 20/30 minutes discussion. This conference is particularly interested in and will respond positively to papers that incorporate participatory and creative methods to discuss ideas and findings, lightning talks, panels, or roundtables. We will ask you indicate your preferred method of delivering your paper. Include the proposer's name and contact details along with the job title or role. Please submit abstracts via email to: anita.dockley@howardleague.org

The deadline: Monday 2 December 2019. Decisions by Wednesday 8 January 2020.

Conference fees

All conference participants, whether presenting a paper or not, are expected to pay conference fees. Further information can be found at: www.howardleague.org/our-events/