

# DEADLINE EXTENSION: March 15th

## Call for papers

### Special Issue of the Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice

on

### Crime, Criminal Justice, and the COVID-19 Crisis Lockdown:

### Impact, Trends and Challenges

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#### Introduction

The global spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus has outlined an unprecedented scenario at all levels, including crime and security. In an attempt to contain the pandemic, the governments of many countries issued measures that restrict the rights and freedom of their citizens. Some of these measures are very severe and go as far as the interruption of all productive activity and the total confinement of the population. The implementation of such measures has dramatically transformed the lifestyles and daily activities of the population, generating new environments of opportunity and limiting others. This situation poses a challenge to criminal justice systems across the world, which must maintain order and ensure compliance with the law in an increasingly tense atmosphere, which affects also the relationship between citizens and law enforcement agencies. This special issue will compile a series of contributions dedicated to improving our understanding of the effect that states of emergency —such as the one generated by the COVID-19 pandemic— can have on crime and its control, and putting special emphasis on a comparative cross-national approach. In this regard, contributors to this special issue can cover a wide variety of research topics, including for example:

- Variations in trends for different types of crime, especially through comparative analysis.
- Transformation or emergence of new forms of crime.
- Security management in disaster scenarios, paying special attention to policing.
- Reliability of data sources for crime analysis in the context of the pandemic.
- Challenges for the criminal justice and prison systems.

With their original research papers, the authors are expected to contribute to advancing the state of the art in the field through theoretical development, the use of unpublished data, or the application of novel methodologies.

All submitted manuscripts will be peer reviewed. An abstract of 100-150 words must accompany the manuscript. Manuscripts must be 30 pages or less double-spaced (including the abstract, references, and all figures and tables), and should conform to the formatting style of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.) Manuscripts must be received no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Manuscripts should be submitted to Marcelo F. Aebi and Fernando Miró-Llinares (see emails above).