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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This Writing Workshop aims to contribute to nurture and train the next generation of social scientists on crime and punishment in the region through a carefully crafted range of activities that take stock of the intellectual expertise in this area while enhancing key skills through international collaborations. In doing so, the project pursues two key objectives: first, to make significant progress in the career development and research leadership of early career researchers (ECRs) in this field through network building, training and mentoring; and second, to refocus debates within crime and punishment studies by expanding its sites, concepts and frameworks, thus advancing its democratisation and decolonisation.

In Latin American countries, especially in the last 20 years, there has been a burgeoning of social studies on various dimensions of the 'criminal question', with solid theoretical and empirical bases. An important part of these efforts is developed by social researchers who do not identify with 'criminology' as a disciplinary area.

This complex and multifaceted social research on the criminal question in the region has been translated into an

impressive literature in Spanish and Portuguese. But its presence in the world of English publications is rather sporadic. Linguistic and economic obstacles, limited access to resources to develop research and to participate in academic events outside the region, and the lack of opportunities for training and career development, especially for ECRs, play a significant role. Women, Afro-Latino Americans and Indigenous people are, in general, still underrepresented in academic research in this field even though matriculation and academic attainment in higher education among women in particular remain high, especially in the social sciences.

The Writing Workshop aims at overcoming these challenges by creating a space to discuss the work of ECRs based in Latin American countries doing innovative research on crime and punishment in the region, offering opportunities for mentorship and research development and developing a network of researchers working on this field. The Writing workshop will take place on 2nd and 3rd December 2024 at the Social and Juridical Sciences Faculty, National University of Litoral, Santa Fe, Argentina.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Researchers in the final stage of their PHD in social sciences related to crime and punishment in a Latin America university as well as those that have completed it since 2015 and are based in Latin American university are encouraged to send a proposal for participating at the Workshop. Candidates will submit a brief CV (max 2 pages), a description of their research (max. 1 page) and a 2-page paper proposal which should be sole authored by the candidate to delitoysociedad@unl.edu.ar before **30th April 2024**.

The selection criteria will be: 1) academic excellence, 2) methodological and/or conceptual originality, 3) feasibility, and 4) subject relevance. The call for applications and the selection process will incorporate best practices in inclusive recruitment to attract and support a diverse group of researchers, particularly gender and ethnic groups who are underrepresented in academia. They will also consider territorial inequalities within the region, and when possible, ensure representation of different countries and subregions within the cohort.



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Those that will be selected to participate will be funded for their travel and accommodation costs. The results of the selection will be communicated before **31th May 2024**. The first draft of the papers must be sent before **October 1st 2024**.

Selected candidates will be supported to turn their work into a journal article in a top peer-reviewed journal. Based on the work produced, we aim to produce a special issue on *Punishment & Society*, *The International Journal of Penology*, and publish stand-alone articles in high-ranking journals such as *Theoretical Criminology*, *Social & Legal Studies*, *Delito y Sociedad*, *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais*, and *Howard Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice*.

We will organise an end-of-project online meeting with ECRs and collaborators to evaluate the experience and outcomes of the project, and discuss opportunities and plans for future collaborations.