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## CRIMSA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE: 2 – 4 AUGUST 2017

### ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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The 2017 CRIMSA Biennial Conference aims to provide a criminal justice research forum for the broad criminological sciences and applied criminal justice studies. The aim is to allow scholars in criminology and all its sub-disciplines such as criminal justice, correctional sciences, policing, victimology, child and youth misbehaviour, criminology theory as well as practitioners such as policy makers, police officials, private security officers, social workers, probationers, lawyers, prosecutors and trauma counsellors to interact on an interdisciplinary platform. Everyone who does research, investigate or scientifically engages in any area of the crime phenomenon is therefore invited to present, discuss and share knowledge, research findings, works-in-progress, practical work experiences and theorise about issues concerning crime and all other related aspects (a multidisciplinary approach is therefore welcomed). Come and share your knowledge and experiences with a wider audience and use this opportunity to meet and network with people from other specialist criminal justice and criminology fields and research focus areas.

The conference organisers do not wish to be prescriptive about topics within the very broad conference theme of *“Regulating Crime and Victimisation in an Age of Mobility, Mass Movement, Migration and Governance at a Distance”* but generally would like to accept papers dealing with issues of criminology, crime, victimisation and criminal justice inclusive of crime related issues from allied disciplines to the broad criminological sciences - police practice, penology, victimology, restorative justice, crime prevention and security etc. Practitioners (police, corrections, prosecutors, counsellors, traumatologists, victimologists, probationers, social workers, psychologists, security providers etc.) are all encouraged to submit papers in line with the broader theme of the conference. Works-in-progress are also welcomed. Students are encouraged to also submit paper abstracts drawn from their post-graduate studies as a dedicated student session is planned. It would therefore be of great assistance to the Conference Scientific Committee if fairly detailed and descriptive abstracts are submitted.

Please use the downloadable abstract form on the CRIMSA website ([www.crimsa.ac.za](http://www.crimsa.ac.za)) for the submission of your abstract. If submitting on this electronic platform, please name the file: CRIMSA 2017, Abstract (+ your) Name, Surname and Title.

Your abstract can be sent to: Prof Michelle Ovens [[Ovensm@unisa.ac.za](mailto:Ovensm@unisa.ac.za)] or to Prof Johan Prinsloo [[Prinsjh@unisa.ac.za](mailto:Prinsjh@unisa.ac.za)] or Ms Harriet Klopper [[harriet.klopper@up.ac.za](mailto:harriet.klopper@up.ac.za)]

#### **Submission deadline date and abstract requirements:**

The deadline for submitting your abstract is: Wednesday 15 June 2017.

We encourage you to submit your abstract as soon as possible before the deadline and to register as soon as possible.



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In addition to the abstract please provide the Conference Scientific Committee with the following information:

- A) Insert a recent photo. Title of paper: (should clearly and succinctly reflect the paper's content); presenting author's title and full name and surname; institutional/organisational affiliation; department and position or whether a student; Tel/cell no; e-mail address. Any co-author's name/s with same information as required above. (See Abstract Form on website). Provide an abstract (in MSWord) of at least 300 words (text only excluding title and author information).
- B) In the abstract please give an indication of the following aspects:  
Brief outline of the aim of the paper, i.e. summarise the paper's arguments and key findings - it should not merely be an introduction. Papers which are primarily empirical in nature should clearly outline the research methods employed and the key themes to emerge, i.e. research focus, research methods used to collect information, summary of main findings, value of research for the criminal justice system. (Please do not include any detailed graphs or tables in the abstract). If it is a practitioner based paper, outline the impact, practical application of measures implemented, etc.  
Please indicate the discipline/sub-discipline the paper generally falls into: (e.g. criminology; penology; victimology; policing; criminal justice; restorative justice; security, crime prevention; other (specify)).
- C) If it is a work-in-progress or based on current post-graduate studies please indicate as such (please see information in point B above, but without the findings).  
Authors may submit more than one abstract, but the organising committee reserves the right to accept only one of these if there are insufficient spaces available on the programme.

After you have submitted your abstract to the CRIMSA Scientific Committee for review you will be notified of its acceptance/non-acceptance into the conference programme within 3-weeks of submission.

If your paper is selected for the conference programme, it will be in a favourable position to be considered for the peer reviewed special edition of *Acta Criminologica: Southern African Journal of Criminology* [ACTA] (an accredited blind peer reviewed journal of CRIMSA). This implies that should you wish to publish your presentation after the conference in a peer reviewed journal you will have to write your manuscript along the lines of the ACTA journal prerequisites. The manuscript will then be peer reviewed and assessed according to the journal criteria post-conference.

Furthermore, submission of the abstract and its acceptance also obligates you to submit the PowerPoint presentation and/or full text paper to the conference organisers by 10 July 2017. Communication regarding the abstract will be through the person submitting the abstract. All additional communication will be with the submitting author only unless otherwise instructed.



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Receipt of abstract: Before 15 June 2017

Registration for conference: Before 10 July 2017

Receipt of PowerPoint/full text papers: 10 July 2017.

## **CONFERENCE PAPER FORMAT:**

Please name the paper text file (in MSWord): CRIMSA 2017 Paper (+ your) Name, Surname and Title.

See the Acta Criminologica Guidelines for author(s) regarding the technical layout and format that is expected for the full length manuscript. You will find the manuscript format on the CRIMSA website at: [www.crimsa.ac.za](http://www.crimsa.ac.za). To assist us please follow the author guidelines as specified on the CRIMSA website to prepare a conference paper.

Please keep your paper within the word limit (between 7 000 and 12 000 words, i.e. 15-25 pages).

## **POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS:**

Delegates are welcome and encouraged to present at the conference proceedings using PowerPoint. Electronic presentation facilities will be available in all venues (plenary and breakaway). Please submit your PowerPoint presentation before 10 July 2017 and for back-up also bring your PowerPoint file with you on either a Compact Disk or flash drive/memory stick.