
**ACTA CRIMINOLOGICA COMMUNIQUE 1/2017
CALL FOR ARTICLE PAPERS FOR A SPECIAL EDITION
THEME: CYBERCRIME**

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Your article(s) should be between a minimum of **7 000** to a maximum of **12 000** words of text (excluding list of references and footnotes/endnotes).

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SPECIAL EDITION THEME

Cybercrime: Crime threats and risks – combating strategies

Article focus:

Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) are indispensable in modern society. The interconnectivity of computer networks contributes significantly to economic growth, education, citizens' participation in social media and many other online services, such as banking and shopping, that have dramatically changed many traditional offline habits. This digital environment, commonly known as cyberspace, presents huge opportunities for the economy – but also poses substantial risks for citizens, organisations and the state alike. The most noticeable social risk in terms of technology is cybercrime – in all its variations ranging from online fraud, ID theft, online stalking and bullying to cyberblackmail, cyber-pornography and sex exploitation (grooming of children). The term 'cybercrime' specifically denotes "any criminal activity committed through or facilitated by the internet" (Britz, 2013: 6) using a computer, network or hardware device (including mobile handheld devices). Cybercrime, in its strictest definition, is a set of activities that involve using information and communications technologies (ICTs) to gain

unauthorised access to another's confidential digital information, presence or property. Being such a broad term, it can therefore be divided into socially harmful and economically harmful crimes. For the purposes of this special edition of the journal, cybercrime refers to socially and economically harmful crimes, largely using internet-based attacks by individuals and groups, including acts of deliberate large-scale disruptions of computer networks, especially computers attached to the Internet, by the means of tools such as computer viruses, malware and even ransomware and so-called Distributed Denial of Services (DDoS) cyberattacks.

This special edition theme welcomes article papers examining aspects surrounding cybercrime resulting from (preferably) empirical research on the following aspects:

- Cyberbullying
- Social Media risks
- Cyber terrorism
- Cyber policies (national and international comparisons)
- Policing cybercrime
- Cybercrime sentencing and deterrence
- Impact of cybercrime on the state
- Impact of cybercrime on victims
- Inside the minds of cyber criminals
- Cybercrime Policy recommendations
- Prevention models and cybersecurity strategies.

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Paper submission deadline date:

Authors should submit their article papers on this theme for peer review no later than:

*****Wednesday 31st January 2018*****
