

Editorial

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In 2014 the British Society of Criminology Conference was hosted by the University of Liverpool. Held from 9th to 12th July the conference had the title "*Crime, Justice, Welfare: Can the Metropole Listen?*". Various plenary and panel discussions explored the Western-centric nature of the discipline and the possibility that perspectives from the South are often overlooked. Indigenous and post-colonial perspectives were the focus of plenaries from Professors Raewyn Connell and Chris Cunneen, both from Australia. In fact, it was pleasing to see a strong contingent from Australia at the conference. There was also particular strength in policing scholarship, helped by a very active BSC Policing Network.

The papers included in this volume reflect the various strengths of the conference. Sixteen papers were submitted, with five being accepted for publication. As always the journal has a rigorous peer-review process but (hopefully) a sympathetic approach to authors - especially early career and postgraduate authors - with helpful feedback and advice, even if a paper is rejected. There is always a tight timetable in order to publish the same year as the conference and so I am hugely indebted to the editorial board, the various reviewers and the authors.

Reflecting the Australian influence on the 2014 conference we have two papers from Australian authors. First is a paper on the police handling of deaths: "When death is not a crime: Challenges for police and policing". This is authored by a team from Queensland University of Technology led by Belinda Carpenter. The second Australian paper takes us away from the metropole and considers crime prevention in Africa (by Paul Cozens and Paul Melenhorst): "Exploring community perceptions of crime and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) in Botswana". The theme of the conference is directly considered in a paper by J.M. Moore: "Is the Empire coming home? Liberalism, exclusion and the punitiveness of the British State". Matthew Davies provides an interesting paper on the relatively recent introduction of elected Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales in: "Unravelling the role of Police and Crime

Commissioners". And finally, Mike Sutton provides a fascinating tale of possible science fraud perpetrated by Darwin no less.

Next year's British Society of Criminology Conference takes place at the University of Plymouth 30th June to 3rd July 2015. Picking up on Plymouth's maritime heritage the theme will be "Criminology: Voyages of Critical Discovery". I look forward to seeing many of you there.

A change for next year is that I am standing down from being Chair of the BSC Publications Committee and Editor of this journal. It has been a great experience, but after seven years I thought it time to give someone else a turn. The BSC's publications will be in safe hands as from January 2015 the new Publications Committee Chair will be Anthony Amatrudo of Middlesex University. I wish Anthony every success. If you have any questions regarding BSC publications Anthony can be contacted at T.Amatrudo@mdx.ac.uk. I wish to thank the various BSC Presidents I have worked with during the past seven years, namely Tim Newburn, Mike Hough and Loraine Gelsthorpe. I am also hugely grateful to the other members of the BSC Publications Committee, Tim Newburn, Megan O'Neil, Nic Groombridge and Karen Bullock. I haven't needed to call on your services too often but it has been good to know you are there! Thank you.

Hopefully you will find something of interest in this year's journal and I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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