

**„Criminology and Criminal Justice System in the Central and Eastern European Countries
30 years after socio-political transformation”**

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Rationale of the special issue

In 2019 we are celebrating the 30th anniversary since communist regimes had started to collapse in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)¹, even though in some countries of the region this process took place faster than in others. The transformation from communism to liberal democracy had profound impact on the societies' lives and the development of the CEE countries. It impacted as well on crime, its rate and structure, and on criminal justice systems that went through in-depth reforms. Against this backdrop an additional global phenomenon could be observed in CEE countries – the development of international and cross-border crimes, the rise and then the fall of criminal groups, the fight against corruption, the establishment of new types of crimes connected particularly with the development of the internet and its tools etc.

In our opinion it's about time we addressed from different perspectives both historical changes and current challenges that CEE countries are facing at the moment regarding criminality and its control, and the functioning of criminal justice systems and its institutions in our countries.

That's why we are proud to announce a call for proposal for the special issue of the “Archives of Criminology” (“Archiwum Kryminologii”). It is the oldest and the most prestigious, peer-reviewed Polish criminological journal. It has been published yearly since 1960. Until now, 41 volumes of the journal have been published. The role of the guest editors of this issue agreed to take all four former presidents of the European Society of Criminology elected from our region.

The aim of the issue

The aim of the special issue is to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the transformation by presenting in one volume changes in crime, criminality and criminal justice systems in CEE countries during the last 30 years and the current challenges that are before us. We invite Authors to present perspectives of the whole region or a separate CEE country, having general perspective about crime, criminality, and criminal justice systems or focusing on a selected, but important aspects of those processes, presenting historical perspective over the last 30 years or bringing current or future perspectives about challenges that are ahead of us, including in particular analyses about current situation in the region regarding the challenges for rule of law and its impact on criminal justice systems.

¹ For the purpose of this call the term „Central and Eastern European countries” covers following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

In other words all papers that deal with the topic what happened in the region during the last thirty years what regards to crime, criminality and criminal justice systems – where we came from, what we went through, where we arrived, or where we are at the moment – are welcome.

Timetable

At this stage, we invite expressions of interest in the form of abstracts between 200 and 350 words. These should be sent **by 30 September 2019** to: witold.klaus@gmail.com. All papers should be prepared in English.

The selection of papers for publication will take place in mid-October 2019. Selected Authors should submit their papers by **end of January 2020** at the latest using the journal's on-line platform: www.ak.inp.pan.pl All papers will be reviewed according to the journal's policy.

The special issue will be published at the beginning of the second half of 2020. Papers submitted earlier will be published as 'on-line first' on the journal's website (after their acceptance by reviewers).

Further information and questions

In case of any further questions please contact deputy editor-in-chief of the Journal, prof. Witold Klaus: witold.klaus@gmail.com