

EXPLORING RELATIONS OF POWER

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and Social Control**

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Revealing and challenging the relations of power are central processes in the development of critical analyses of 'crime', 'deviance', 'conflict' and criminal justice. In terms of structure this has involved critiques of advanced capitalism, globalization, neo-colonialism and patriarchy emphasizing political, economic and ideological contexts. In terms of institutions, and connected directly to the structural, is the administration of power through state interventions. Power is also significant in interpersonal relations, in families and within communities, in the local state and local economy. As critical analysis of harm and social justice has established, wherever power is imposed there is personal and collective resistance. For the most powerless however, like children and animals, resistance is not an option. The conference will explore these issues in the context of regulation and criminalization, inviting papers on any aspect of the theme, including:

- **Theorising power, authority and legitimacy**
- **Power, knowledge and hegemony**
- **State theories and civil society**
- **Researching the 'powerful'**
- **Discipline, punishment and institutional power**
- **Class, poverty and marginalization**
- **Gender, power and feminist critiques**
- **Neo-colonialism, migration and borders**
- **Criminalising children and young people**
- **Deconstructing 'crime', theorizing 'harm'**
- **Environment, pollution, speciesism and the politics of food**
- **Challenging the language of 'crime' and criminology**
- **'Truth', acknowledgement and resistance**

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