CALL FOR PAPERS
IV International Conference of Criminology
"Criminology for Complex Times"
August 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2024
Santiago, Chile

CALL EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 30, 2024

The **Chilean Society of Criminology** (Sochicrim) invites the community engaged in research fields related to the study of crime and criminal justice to submit their research works for the ***IV International Conference of Criminology***, which will take place in person in the city of Santiago in August 2024. This event is organised this year with the **Centre for Justice and Society Studies at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.**

Presentation

Recent international reports indicate the transformation of criminality in its forms, extent, and magnitude; Chile and Latin America are no exceptions. However, the causes and criminological factors that explain this phenomenon are poorly understood. It is also unknown whether this is a transitory phenomenon, typical of the post-pandemic period, or if we are facing a change in the criminological cycle. Whatever the explanations, this constitutes a first-order scientific challenge for the community that studies the causes and the strategies for preventing and controlling crime.

In the face of this scenario, it is crucial to reflect on this transformation and, if possible, to consolidate the links between those who create knowledge and those who must make decisions to prevent and respond to criminal phenomena. Thus, it is considered valuable that the reaction of the State allows the development of public policies based on the existing scientific evidence within the limits established by the democratic rule of law itself.

In this context, the Chilean Society of Criminology (Sochicrim) convenes its IV International Conference of Criminology, a continuation of the conferences held in previous years. Namely, the conference of 2020, whose venues were the Catholic University of Temuco and the University of O'Higgins; the conference of 2021, held at the University of Chile, co-organized with the Centre for Studies in Citizen Security (CESC) and, in 2023, hosted by the Arturo Prat University and the University of Tarapacá in the city of Iquique.

For the 2024 edition, the IV Conference of Sochicrim, the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, located in Santiago de Chile, has been selected as the venue. The conference will be co-organized with the Centre for Justice and Society Studies (CJS), which belongs to the same university.

In this way, our scientific society - Sochicrim - which was born in August 2019, will continue its essential task of facilitating the meeting of the academic community and disseminating its research at the national and Ibero-American levels, with the declared aim of activating national and international collaboration networks and generating impact in the broad field of criminal policy.

Thematic Areas

The Conference is projected as a space for debate surrounding research results, preferably empirical, in the field of crime, criminal justice, and criminal policy. The activity seeks not only to facilitate an exchange of information that allows updating academic knowledge that explains why crime occurs, how to prevent crime, and what are the most relevant responses to this phenomenon; but also aims to be a scenario that allows articulating discourses and concrete actions in the field of public policies.

The works convened at the conference must be the result of recent research, preferably empirical, from any discipline that addresses crime or criminal justice (sociology, psychology, law, anthropology, political science, among others) or developed interdisciplinarily. They must also be linked to phenomena contingent on national, regional, or global reality.

The thematic areas in which the works to be presented may cover are as follows:

a. Studies on crime:

Research works may be submitted from different theoretical traditions or perspectives in criminology, sociology of crime, economics of crime, critical criminology, evolutionary criminology, feminist studies, law and society studies, or related fields. In summary, the diversity of methodological approaches and empirical approaches related to the criminal phenomenon will also be accepted.

b. Studies on criminal justice:

Research works may be submitted that focus primarily on empirical studies of the functioning of state institutions that are part of the criminal justice system (police, judges, prosecution, defence, and prison institutions, among others), as well as studies that focus on the processes of sentencing, the exercise of discretionary powers by judicial actors, or other processes relevant to criminal justice.

c. Studies on criminal policy:

Empirical research that study the processes of legislative and administrative penal production and strategies aimed at preventing crime, controlling criminality, and social reintegration will be accepted. This is a broad field that can include studies on criminal analysis, policing strategies, artificial intelligence and response to crime, penological studies, penitentiary studies, desistance

from crime, programs or intervention strategies for lawbreakers, models of care or defence for victims of crime, among others.

Submission of Research Works

Original, published, in-progress works or studies whose results have not been previously disseminated in other conferences will be received. Preference will be given to works of an empirical nature, and those which refer to the aforementioned thematic areas.

Theoretical works may also be considered when they contribute to the criminological debate and are adequately grounded.

Abstracts must not exceed 350 words. Although work proposals may have more than one author, presentations are individual. In the case of a paper with multiple authors, they must define the person responsible for the presentation.

Submission of Discussion Panel Proposals

Likewise, proposals for discussion panels that address any of the topics defined above or their applications in the field of public policies on criminal matters will be received. The panels should analyse different dimensions of the selected topic, identify critical knots, and propose solutions or concrete strategies to address the problem in the future.

We will prioritise the selection of panels with diverse gender compositions and approaches, preferably multidisciplinary and with multiple institutional affiliations.

The panel summary must not exceed 1400 words, and each presentation summary must not exceed 350 words. The panel description must explicitly indicate the dimensions of the problem to be analysed and possible areas of public policy where the discussion generated in the panel can create impact actions.

Submission of Academic Posters

Academic posters made by undergraduate and graduate students will be received. The works must be original and framed within the conference's thematic axes. Those participating in this modality must draft a summary indicating the problem statement, theoretical approach, methodology, and main results or conclusions. If selected, the proposal will be presented to the public in a dedicated session, and a committee of members of the Society will award the three best works.

Posters must meet the following technical requirements: They must be printed in DIN A0 size (91cm x 122cm) in vertical orientation. They must be self-explanatory and visually clear, and avoid using long texts. They must include the title, authors' names, institutional affiliation, and contact email. The poster abstract must not exceed 250 words.

Finally, those who wish their posters to be disseminated on the Society's social networks and website must send their work in PDF format, with a minimum resolution of 600DPI, to the following email addresses: infosochicrim@gmail.com and marcela.infante@uc.cl

Reception of research works

Individual works, discussion panel or academic posters proposals for the conference must be submitted by April 30, 2024, using the paper submission form: https://tinyurl.com/sochicrim2024.

Those wishing to participate in the conference with more than one paper must complete the form for each. Texts will be received in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.

Evaluation, Notification, and Confirmation

The evaluation of papers will have as main criteria: relevance to the thematic areas of this call; novelty in approach or methodology used; use of updated and interdisciplinary bibliography; and the social or scientific relevance of the object of study.

The Organizing Committee will notify the selected presenters during the course of June 2024 of their participation. Selected presenters will have until July 10, 2024, to confirm their attendance. Materials for the presentation may be attached to the confirmation email.

Conference Dates

The IV Conference will be held in person over three days between August 28th – August 30th 2024 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). This will include sessions and tables lasting one hour and fifteen minutes. The paper must be presented orally in Spanish, English, or Portuguese and must be presented for a maximum of fifteen minutes.

Organizing Committee

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