



## Replicating & Reproducing Policing Research

A Special Thematic Issue Section\* in *Police Practice & Research*

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### Call Background:

The Social Sciences has been struggling with what has been termed a “replication crisis” (Maxwell et al., 2015). The focus on publishing ‘novel’ or ‘unique’ findings means that very few studies are ever subsequently reproduced, their findings simply accepted without being subjected to thorough re-testing and verification by other researchers.

In relation to Criminology, McNeeley and Warner (2015, p. 581) observed that “replication studies constitute just over 2 percent of the [criminology] articles published between 2006 and 2010.” Further, of those published, the majority were papers in which the results did not support the findings in the original study.

As part of our interest in advancing the evidence base in policing research, we are seeking studies that explicitly attempt to either replicate or reproduce previous findings in the field of policing. Our emphasis on both replication and reproduction allows for diverse quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods approaches that replicate in whole, or reproduce in part, previous studies. In keeping with the journal’s editorial vision, submitted papers should:

- Focus on a topic related to one or more aspects of public policing
- Provide clear statements as to the study’s policy or practical implications
- Consider the global scope of our audience
- Be methodologically rigorous

### Deadlines & Timeline:

**April 1, 2022** – 150-word abstract submitted via email to both Khadija Monk ([kmonk2@calstatela.edu](mailto:kmonk2@calstatela.edu)) and Jacek Koziarski ([jkoziars@uwo.ca](mailto:jkoziars@uwo.ca)) for review

**August 1, 2022** – Invited papers submitted to *Police Practice and Research* via ScholarOne (adhering to journal submission criteria)

**December 30, 2022** – All papers gone through initial peer-review and decisions provided

**March 30, 2023** – All revisions completed and resubmitted (where relevant)

**June 1, 2023** – Issue is complete and in queue for production scheduling (before end of 2023)

Please contact the guest editors with any questions and include “PPR Special Issue: Replication and Reproduction” in the subject line.

*\*Depending on the number of papers, accepted pieces will either be published in a stand-alone issue or in a thematic section of an issue encompassing other work published in the journal. In any case, articles will be published online before being assigned to an issue.*