

Editorial of the Guest Editor

The fourth issue of the Journal of Criminal Investigation and Criminology in 2025 is in English. This September, the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, organised the fifteenth biennial international conference Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe. The conference brought together more than a hundred experts and researchers from Slovenia and sixteen other countries, who together created a space for discussion on contemporary views on crime, responses to crime and security challenges. The focus was on new risks and forms of crime that have affected police work, the functioning of courts, prisons and safety and security in general in the post-COVID-19 period. In addition to the two articles already included in the Journal, the most current research articles were submitted to the peer-review process and were reviewed and included in this issue of the Journal of Criminal Investigation and Criminology. In front of you is a very rich and varied issue that includes eight scientific articles and one book review.

In the first article, Marcelo F. Aebi discusses the important role of Slovenia in the development of criminology. He highlights that Slovenia's strategic position and post-socialist transformation have placed it in the position of a connecting bridge between Western and Eastern European criminology. Stanislav Filipič and Branko Lobnikar present the results of a study on the impact of disciplinary procedures on the self-efficacy of police officers. Each such procedure is very stressful for police officers and therefore affects both psychological well-being and organisational performance. Milena Miličević and Rok Hacin analysed the results of a study on social climate in Serbian prisons, where the authors focus on five dimensions of social climate: harmony, professionalism, security, conditions and family contacts, and well-being and development. Sasha Goodvin presented the Australian public's attitude towards sex offenders using the visual methodology iSquare, or in other words, sex offender drawings. Sara Lilli and Maria Vittoria Zucca take us to the so-called scam cities and present in detail the increasingly widespread criminal hubs in transnational cybercrime networks. Yarin Eski and Geert Luteijn delve into the cooperation between China and Serbia on lunar missions through a critical space criminological perspective. In a paper on regulating plastic rivers, Richa Mishra and Nidhi Singh present the results of a study on microplastic pollution in Indian freshwater systems. In the last paper, Silvo Grčar, Andrej Sotlar and Katja Eman analyse the incidence and forms of environmental crime caused by armed forces in the Republic of Slovenia. Finally, Aleksandra Marković presents a book by Serbian authors on prison and the well-being of persons in it, using the example of Serbia.

Uvodnik gostujoče urednice

Četrta številka Revije za kriminalistiko in kriminologijo v letu 2025 je številka v angleškem jeziku. Letos septembra je Fakulteta za varnostne vede Univerze v Mariboru organizirala že petnajsto bienalno mednarodno konferenco Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe (Kazensko pravosodje in varnost v Srednji in Vzhodni Evropi). Konferenca je združila več kot sto strokovnjakov in raziskovalcev iz Slovenije in šestnajstih drugih držav, ki so skupaj oblikovali prostor za razpravo o sodobnih pogledih na kriminaliteto, odzivanje na kriminaliteto in varnostnih izzivih. V ospredje so bili postavljeni nova tveganja in oblike kriminalitete, ki so vplivali na policijsko delo, delovanje sodišč, zaporov in splošno varnost v obdobju po covidu-19. Najbolj aktualne raziskovalne članke smo poleg že dveh v revijo uvrščenih člankov uvrstili v recenzentski postopek in jih uredniško ter recenzentsko pregledali in uvrstili v to številko Revije za kriminalistike in kriminologije. Pred vami je vsebinsko zelo bogata in razgibana številka, ki obsega osem znanstvenih člankov in en prikaz knjige.

V prvem prispevku Marcelo F. Aebi razpravlja o pomembni vlogi Slovenije na področju razvoja kriminologije. Avtor meni, da sta jo strateški položaj in postsocialistična preobrazba postavila v položaj povezovalnega mostu med zahodno- in vzhodnoevropsko kriminologijo. Stanislav Filipič in Branko Lobnikar predstavita rezultate raziskave o vplivu disciplinskih postopkov na samoučinkovitost policistov. Vsak tak postopek je za policiste zelo stresen, zato vpliva tako na psihološko blagostanje kot tudi na organizacijsko uspešnost. Milena Miličević in Rok Hacin sta analizirala rezultate študije o socialni klimi v srbskih zaporih, kjer sta se avtorja bolj osredotočila na pet dimenzij družbenega vzdušja: harmonijo, profesionalnost, varnost, pogoje in družinske stike ter dobro počutje in razvoj. Raziskava Sashe Goodvin je razkrila odnos avstralske javnosti do spolnih prestopnikov z uporabo vizualne metodologije iSquare ali z drugimi besedami risb o spolnih prestopnikih. Sara Lilli in Maria Vittoria Zucca nas popeljeta v t. i. prevarantska mesta in podrobneje predstavita vedno bolj razširjena kriminalitetna središča v transnacionalnih omrežjih kibernetске kriminalitete. Yarin Eski in Geert Luteijn se poglobita v sodelovanje med Kitajsko in Srbijo pri lunarnih misijah skozi kritično vesoljsko kriminološko perspektivo. V prispevku o reguliranju plastičnih rek Richa Mishra in Nidhi Singh predstavita rezultate študije o onesnaženju z mikroplastiko v indijskih sladkovodnih sistemih. V zadnjem znanstvenem prispevku Silvo Grčar, Andrej Sotlar in Katja Eman analizirajo pojavnost in oblike ekološke kriminalitete, ki jo povzročijo oborožene sile v Republiki Sloveniji. Na koncu Aleksandra Marković predstavi knjigo srbskih avtorjev o zaporu in počutju oseb v njem na primeru Srbije.

At this point, I would like to sincerely thank the editors-in-chief for the invitation to participate in the preparation of a thematic issue of the Journal of Criminal Investigation and Criminology. It was a great pleasure and honour to contribute my piece to the mosaic of creating the Journal that has been published continuously for seven decades. I was impressed by the content of the contributions, as each of them addresses current issues of modern times. The challenges in these fields are increasing, so there is no fear that there will be a shortage of topics for research and discussion in the future.

*Guest Editor
Katja Eman*

Na tem mestu bi se rada iskreno zahvalila glavnima urednikoma za povabilo k sodelovanju pri oblikovanju tematske številke Revije za kriminalistiko in kriminologijo. Bilo mi je v veliko veselje in čast prispevati svoj košček v mozaik ustvarjanja revije, ki neprekinjeno izhaja že sedem desetletij. Vsebina prispevkov me je navdušila, saj vsak izmed njih obravnava aktualna vprašanja sodobnega časa. Izzivov na teh področjih je vse več, zato ni bojazni, da bi zmanjkalo tem za raziskovanje in razpravljanje.

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