

Policing and Society Conference



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The Challenges of 21st Century Policing

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Police Science Program** at the University of Akureyri (Iceland) invites abstracts for its **Policing and Society Conference** on **Wednesday, February 20, 2020**. The conference is a venue where Icelandic and international academics and professionals meet and converse about policing in a broad sense. Professionals and academics who work in fields that involve policing in one form or another are encouraged to submit abstracts that build on their work and/or research.

The **keynote speakers** reflect the theme of this year's conference: The Challenges of 21st Century Policing. Police work is demanding and has become increasingly complex alongside rapid social changes and technological advances, the globalization of crime, the rise of extremist groups, heightened demands for centralization and efficiency, and increased demands for transparency. Nonetheless, the Icelandic police service is, as before, undermanned, overworked and under a lot of strain. This manifests in various ways that should be examined in more detail.

We **strongly encourage** abstracts that deal with the challenges of policing but we, of course, welcome all contributions that intersect with policing in one form or another. To reiterate: this conference is a joint venue for academics and professionals to share their research and experience involving policing; learn from one another; and engage with the public.

Keynote speakers will be announced later.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

- **The conference will be held Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the Miðborg house of the University of Akureyri**, specifically in rooms N101 and M101. The conference runs from 9:00 to 17:00.
- **Each presentation** is allotted 25 minutes, which includes Q&A. Abstracts (maximum 250 words) should be submitted via email goddsson@unak.is no later than January 15. Abstracts should include a title, short description, methods, main results and/or arguments. Include information about academic position, profession, and the order of the authors (if more than one).
- **The conference registration fee** is €40 per person and the program, coffee and refreshments are included (pay on the spot when registering). **The registration fee is waived for presenters.** University students attend free of charge. Conference attendees pay for their own travel and accommodation.
- **Several airlines fly to Iceland**, including Icelandair www.icelandair.com.
- **The airline Air Iceland Connect** flies from Reykjavík to Akureyri, see www.airicelandconnect.com

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