

Redesigning Justice: Promoting civil rights, trust and fairness
Two-day International Conference
21–22 March 2018, Keble College Oxford

Call for papers

Our relationship with justice is complex. Justice and the systems for delivering (criminal) justice are often criticised but rarely is there a credible, achievable challenge to the status quo proposed: most want to tinker around the edges. We are witnessing a global climate of mistrust and challenge to the establishment, political elites as well as justice leadership. The time is right to consider the way we *do* justice and what we want the justice system to achieve.

The conference will shine a light on seemingly intransigent aspects of justice systems including what equality and legitimacy mean 50 years after the assassination of Martin Luther King and why prison is still so central to justice responses to crime. It will also seek to develop thinking on the changing dynamics of crime with the increasing prominence of cybercrime and fraud but also the impact of the changing nature of public discourse, with the rise of social media, on justice debates.

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The Howard League is looking for papers from academics, policy makers, practitioners, PhD students and researchers from within the criminological and legal disciplines, however we are also keen to include contributions from fields of study including philosophy, geography, political science and economics. We will consider theoretical, policy, practice-based and more innovative contributions around a wide range of issues that encompass the broad theme justice and the wider conference themes, as well as papers with a focus on:

- Social justice, human rights and penal policy
- Penalty and penal reform strategies
- The role of the state
- Learning from history
- Relationship between social policy and penal policy
- Local justice and participation
- Comparative criminology
- Innovation and justice
- Policing
- Youth justice
- Politics and crime

Abstract guidelines

Proposals should be titled clearly and be a maximum of 250 words. Please include the proposer's name and contact details along with the job title or role
Please submit abstracts via email to: anita.dockley@howardleague.org

Closing date: 4 December 2017

Decisions will be made by end of December 2017.

What happens after submitting?

If accepted, you will receive further details concerning the conference and any other information required. If rejected, the decision of the Howard League on the acceptance of a paper is final and the Howard League is unable to enter into correspondence on the subject.

Best PhD Paper Prize

The conference seeks to promote the work of early career academics through awarding a prize for the best PhD paper.

Entrants will need to complete the application form which needs to be submitted by 4 December 2017.

For application forms please contact: barbara.norris@howardleague.org

The prize-winners will be decided by the conference committee and the winning papers will be announced at the conference.

Conference fees

All conference participants, whether presenting a paper or not, are expected to pay conference fees. The Howard League is a registered charity which receives no statutory funding.

Further information can be found at: <http://howardleague.org/our-events/>