

Policing and Society Conference



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OCTOBER 5 AND 6, 2022

Police Understaffing

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Police Science Program** at the University of Akureyri (Iceland) invites abstracts for its **Policing and Society Conference on October 5 and 6, 2022**. 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. **This year's conference is hosted in cooperation with the Latvian National Police College.**

The **keynote speakers** reflect the theme of this year's conference: **Police Understaffing**, which refers to the fact that Iceland has one of the fewest police officers in Europe per capita, and their numbers have declined over the last 15 years. Police understaffing affects general policing, crime prevention and proactive policing and increases workload. Therefore, it is important to examine the effects of police understaffing and identify ways to address the issue.

We **strongly encourage** abstracts that deal with crime police understaffing 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 **October 5 and 6, 2022, in the Miðborg house of the University of Akureyri**, specifically in rooms N101 and M101. The conference runs from 9:00 Wednesday October 5 to 13:00 Thursday October 6.
- Each **presentation** is allotted 25 minutes, which includes Q&A. Abstracts (maximum 250 words) should be submitted via email to goddsson@unak.is no later than June 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 **€50** per person and the program, coffee and refreshments are included. **The registration fee is waived for presenters.** University students attend free of charge. Conference attendees pay for their own travel and accommodation.
- There will be a **conference dinner** Wednesday October 5.
- Several airlines fly to Iceland, including **Icelandair** www.icelandair.com
- The airline **Air Iceland Connect** flies from Reykjavík to Akureyri see www.airicelandconnect.is

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