



SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 2026

Youth Crime

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Police Science Research Center at the University of Akureyri (Iceland) invites abstracts for its 9th Policing and Society Conference on September 30 and October 1, 2026. 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 this year's conference theme: **Youth Crime**. Crime rates increase rapidly during adolescence and typically peak in the late teenage years or early twenties. Understanding the nature and extent of youth crime, as well as its key drivers, is essential for developing effective responses and preventing further offending.

We strongly encourage abstracts that deal with youth crime, 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 September 30 and October 1, 2026, in the Miðborg house of the University of Akureyri.** The conference runs from 9:00 Wednesday, September 30, to 13:00 Thursday, October 1.
- **Each presentation** is allotted 25 minutes, which includes Q&A. Abstracts (maximum 250 words) should be submitted via email (godsson@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 €70** per person, and the program, coffee, and refreshments are included. University students attend free of charge. Conference attendees pay for their own travel and accommodation.
- **There will be a conference dinner** on Wednesday, September 30.
- **Conference website:** [Policing and Society Conference](#)
- **Several airlines fly to Iceland**, including Icelandair www.icelandair.com
- **Icelandair** flies from Reykjavík to Akureyri www.icelandair.com/is

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