

## Acknowledgements and Remarks from the Editor-in-Chief

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*Contemporary Challenges: The Global Crime, Justice, and Security Journal (CCJ)* was borne of a realisation that problems of global crime, justice, and security are becoming ever more entangled and pose some of the most trying challenges to modern society. To provide a platform for novel ideas to add to the academic debate surrounding these issues, a select number of postgraduate students from the Edinburgh Law School organised and founded the CCJ.

In choosing the journal's name, the editorial board felt like it had found the most succinct description of its focus while also reflecting its thematic range. Issues of global crime, justice and security manifest in multiple aspects of political and social life which adds to their salience in academic debate.

Before presenting the research of this publication, we would like to dedicate a few lines to the people without whom the CCJ's conception would not have been possible.

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The journal is divided into two sections: Commentaries and Articles. Commentaries are small pieces in which authors are at the leniency to comment and give their opinion on a particular topic. They aim to provide thought-provoking perspectives rather than holistic analyses. Articles, on the other hand, are longer and more detailed accounts of a given topic. Their aim is to showcase the research done by postgraduate students in the field of global crime, justice and security.

The contemporary challenges that the world confronts should not be taken lightly. We hope that with this modest contribution, we can offer some perspectives to help shape ideas on how to overcome these challenges.

On behalf of the editorial board,

Frederik Florenz

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