

Call for papers for a special section of *Island Studies Journal* on 'Policing and justice in island communities'

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Research that focuses on policing and the justice systems from an island perspective is extremely rare. We wish to develop a thematic section of *Island Studies Journal (ISJ)* that addresses how island or archipelagic characteristics influence the nature, complexities, or potentials, and challenges of such issues as:

- Police legitimacy
- Incarceration and pre-trial detention
- Policing the pandemic
- Personalization of policing and criminal investigations
- Use and abuse of force
- Sentencing, punishment, and rehabilitation
- Prison locations and prison conditions
- Quality and type of police and justice services provided.

We encourage the involvement of scholars working in various disciplines and different parts of the world, including scholars engaged in comparative island research. Researchers using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed method approaches are encouraged to submit their proposals for consideration.

The first step in preparing this thematic section is to assemble a strong group of abstracts for consideration by the editors of *ISJ*. It is not possible for the guest editor to guarantee publication or at this stage even guarantee that the thematic section will move forward. However, the editor-in-chief of *ISJ* has offered encouragement regarding this proposal.

It is hoped that this special section will be published in the May 2023 issue of *ISJ*, but individual papers will be published online ahead of print as and when they complete the peer review and editorial process. *ISJ* is a web-based, freely downloadable, open access, peer reviewed journal that publishes papers advancing and critiquing the study of issues affecting or involving islands. It is listed and abstracted in Scopus and Web of Science (Social Science Citation Index).

For further information or in order to submit an abstract, please contact guest editors Wendell C. Wallace (wendell.wallace@sta.uwi.edu) and Malisa Neptune-Figaro (Malisa.Neptune-Figaro@sta.uwi.edu). Interested authors are asked to send first drafts of their papers to the guest editors by the deadline of **15 March 2022** at the latest, using 'Thematic Section on Policing and Justice in Island Communities' as the subject of the e-mail. The guest editors will then undertake an initial analysis of the paper and recommend revisions if necessary. Authors whose draft papers have been approved will be invited to submit their formal submissions to *ISJ* by 31 May 2022 through the journal's online submission system: <https://islandstudies.ca/node/539>. All papers will be subject to peer review.

Authors are expected to engage with the existing body of island studies and/or ocean studies literature, as found not only in *ISJ* but also in other journals and publications. Papers must be both theoretically informed and methodologically appropriate for their purpose. In order to be accepted for publication, articles must place island processes or 'islandness' at the center of their analyses as it is not enough for an article to simply concern a place that happens to be an island.

Final manuscripts should be between 5,000 and 10,000 words, must be written in excellent English, and must be prepared in accordance with the *ISJ* submission guidelines: https://www.islandstudies.ca/guidelines_instructions.html.