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Special Issue on *Plural Policing in Cyberspace: Entering the Grey Zone*

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The rapid advancements in information technology have brought about new security challenges, blurring the lines between cybercrime and cyberwarfare. In line with the 2024 seminar "Cybercrime & Cyberwarfare: Entering the Grey Zone", the European Journal of Policing Studies invites authors to submit their research papers and contributions for a dedicated special issue. This special issue will examine and analyze challenges and solutions associated with policing and governance of security in cyberspace, particularly focusing on the evolving dynamics within the "grey zone."

Papers submitted to this special issue should explore the governance of security in cyberspace, or provide a perspective on plural policing regarding phenomena in cyberspace. This encompasses the study of strategies and tactics for law enforcement agencies to navigate the complexities of the grey zone where the boundaries between cybercrime and cyberwarfare converge. Within the domain of cybersecurity governance, critical areas of exploration may include examining policing the grey zone, cybersecurity governance frameworks, international cooperation in cyberspace, public-private partnerships and the role of the private sector, evaluating governance frameworks and international cooperation, developing effective cybersecurity strategies, case study analyses and studying incident response and resilience. As such, this special issue aims to advance discussions on plural policing in cybersecurity, and enhancing our understanding of the diverse roles and collaborations within the cybersecurity governance landscape. We welcome all types of research (quantitative/qualitative/mixed-methods).

We warmly invite ideas for this special issue and look forward to receiving your contributions. Abstracts should be submitted to the guest editors by e-mail (cyberseminar@ugent.be) and include all authors' names and affiliations. An abstract should be no longer than two pages, detailing the topic of the paper, a provisional outline of the article and the main ideas the authors wish to reflect on. Please emphasize the relevance of your work within the core themes of the special issue. Further author guidelines can be found here.

A provisional timeline can be found below:

- Submission of abstracts: 1st of March 2024
- Notification of acceptance/decline paper: 30th of March 2024
- Deadline first version papers: 28 September 2024
- Receiving reviews: 20 December 2024
- Deadline revision papers: 28 March 2024
- Issue published: April 2025

Sincerely,

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