

Call for Papers - SPECIAL ISSUE

- Cybercrime and digital criminality
- State crime, crimes of the powerful, and institutional violence
- Complex and serious crimes as cultural narratives, symbols, cultural artefacts and representation
- The social construction of "complexity" and "seriousness"
- Processes of labeling, moral panic, and criminalization in complex and serious crimes

Rather than fixing a single definition, contributions are welcome that critically examine, complicate, or reframe what “complex” and “serious” manifest - and how **cultural meanings, narratives, and representations** interact in complex and serious crimes- across different legal systems, cultural contexts, and disciplinary traditions.

2. Languages

Contributions are welcome in **Italian and English**.

3. Formats

This special issue is conceived as a space to support emerging scholarship as much as to showcase established research. Submissions from **early career researchers** are particularly encouraged.

Submissions - which will be published **OPEN ACCESS** - are invited in a variety of formats:

- **Full research paper** – 7,000-8,000 words
- **Fieldwork data with theoretical commentary (work-in-progress paper)** – 4,000-5,000 words
- **Methodological notes** – 1,500-2,000 words
- **Dialogues** between two authors on an emerging theoretical or methodological issue – 1,500-2,000 words each
- **Photo essays and other creative writing** – 2,000-3,000 words (**format and scope to be agreed upon with the editors**)

Please send abstracts, submissions, and any requests for information to redazione@vittimologia.it, with the editors of the special issue copied on the email: Professor Anna Sergi, University of Bologna - anna.sergi@unibo.it; Ms. Grazia Enerina Pisano, University of Perugia - graziaenerina.pisano@dottorandi.unipg.it.

4. Key Dates

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