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Special Issue: Institutionalized Racism in Everyday Policing

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Shortly after Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd in Minneapolis in May 2020, people all over the world mobilized against police violence in particular and institutionalized racism more broadly. While the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has continuously protested against racial injustice – police killings being only one – more activists, journalists, and scholars have begun to recognize the need for political and cultural change, and joined the call to defund and abolish the police, and organized around the question of how to imagine and realize an inclusive form of public safety.

Appalled by these racially motivated police killings, the editors of *Conflict and Society* feel that these protests and their cause deserve additional space in our journal. We are therefore seeking to publish the work of critical scholars who aim to challenge the structural conditions of inequality that nurture institutionalized racism. In our issue of 2022, we would like to make a special section that focuses on institutionalized racism in everyday policing, and the relationship between diverse case-studies. We explicitly invite contributions from beyond the US and Western European context in order to highlight the multiplicity of ways in which policing and institutionalized racism are entangled.

We are specifically interested in submissions that draw from anthropological perspectives and critically assess these larger structures of inequality. This includes contributions that focus on the evolution of a protest movement and on the presence of Black Lives Matter and their efforts to document cases of racialized and gendered policing, both in and beyond the police. We are also interested in contributions that provide space for the voices of people who are affected by violence and are sensitive to issues of power in writing and representation and in a decisively feminist approach in highlighting the blending of racism with sexual discrimination and violence.

Submission

The selected contributions will be edited by Tessa Diphooorn and Thijs Jeursen (both of Utrecht University). We welcome the ethnographically informed contributions that illuminate institutionalized racism in the broader context of policing. Abstracts of 500 words and a short bio of max. 200 words should be submitted by **1 October 2020** to t.j.jeursen@uu.nl. The selected contributors will be invited to submit full papers of approximately 8,000 words by **1 February 2021**.

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