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The British Society of Criminology's 2016 Conference was held from 6-8 July in Nottingham and, for the first time, was organised by the executive committee. The theme was 'Inequalities in a Diverse World', a topic addressed by two plenary speakers: leading criminologist, Kelly Hannah-Moffat and prominent political economist and writer, Will Hutton.

The papers in this volume were submitted to the journal's rigorous peer review process and pleasingly had an unusually high acceptance rate this year of eight out of ten submissions. The window from submission to publication is a relatively small one and the co-operation of authors and peer reviewers in providing quick responses is greatly appreciated. Particular thanks are due to Laura Kelly and Helen Jones for invaluable support in helping to produce the journal, and to Charlotte Harris for providing much needed advice along the way.

The papers in this volume reflect the diversity of criminology as a discipline, both in terms of its theoretical development and wide empirical reach. They also demonstrate how tackling inequality is a key concern of many criminologists. The volume opens with Matthew Ball's paper, which grapples with the relationships between queer criminology and settler colonialism, and addresses how to work on decolonising queer criminology. Jack Lampkin adopts the lenses of green criminology and utilitarianism to explore the harms of fracking. J M Moore draws on the work of Thorsten Sellin to examine how the criminal justice system has grown from deep roots within slavery and consequently maintains and reinforces inequality. Raphael Schlembach turns his attention to the Pitchford Inquiry into undercover policing and argues that the inquiry's shortcomings limit its legitimacy. Mohammed Rahman examines the relationship between organised crime and fatal violence in relation to the 2003 murders of Letisha Shakespeare and Charlene Ellis in Birmingham. Cecep Mustafa presents findings from a qualitative study of Indonesian judges' sentencing decisions in relation to minor drug offenders, finding that rehabilitation is their (often thwarted) preference. The volume closes with two papers on victimisation: Jacki Tapley discusses best practice in relation to victim care and

identifies the importance of creating a community of practice to facilitate effective collaborative working, and Kalliopi Sellioti and Sacha Richardson explore the benefits for children and young people bereaved by murder and manslaughter of participating in residential groups.

In 2017, the British Society of Criminology Conference will take place at Sheffield Hallam University from 4-7 July, with the title 'Forging Social Justice – Local Challenges, Global Complexities'. I wish a restful Christmas break to all.

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