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The British Society of Criminology's 2017 Conference was held from 4-7 July at Sheffield Hallam University. The theme was 'Forging Social Justice' and the keynote speakers were renowned criminologists whose work has contributed to the advancement of this: Valerie and John Braithwaite, Fergus McNeill and Beth Weaver, Stephen Farrall and Simon Winlow, and Phil Scraton. Phil Scraton's keynote addressed his long-term work and campaigning in relation to Hillsborough – a vital example of the difference that criminologists can make, especially when they challenge malign power structures.

The papers submitted to this volume went through the journal's rigorous peer review process and three out of seven submissions were accepted. Many thanks to the peer reviewers for their essential work in enabling publication of the journal and for the helpful comments that they provided to help further strengthen the submissions. Thanks is also due to the authors for their prompt revisions and co-operation. The timeline for journal is short and its production is greatly aided by this willingness to meet deadlines.

In the first article, Paterson-Young et al. examine how to develop adequate social impact measurements of interventions with young people in custody. They argue that ensuring the welfare of young people means locating them at the centre of such measurements. Jason Roach contends that the psychological and contextual factors that affect cold case homicide investigations must be understood differently from those in current cases. Cold case investigations are subject to negative framing effects. Eleanor Peters addresses the ways in which music requires criminological attention, both in

terms of the censorship and criminalisation of certain forms of music and its use by different militaries in techniques of torture.

In 2018, the British Society of Criminology Conference will take place at Birmingham City University from 3-6 July, with the title 'Transforming Criminology: Rethinking Crime in a Changing World'. I wish you all a relaxing break and a successful 2018.

Lizzie Seal, University of Sussex, December 2017