

## **CALLS FOR PAPERS**

### **Desistance, Social Justice and Lived Experience**

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#### **SPECIAL ISSUE THEME**

The *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons* (JPP) invites submissions for a special issue on the theme of “Desistance, Social Justice and Lived Experience”. Desistance (from crime) has become a ubiquitous concept among scholars of criminology and criminal justice. As a concept, desistance draws attention to people’s individual journeys and trajectories – how people “go” legit – rather than on measurable treatment outcomes or rates of re-offending. In other words, the focus is on “how” things work, as perceived by desisters themselves, not “how well” things work or ought to work from the viewpoint of the penal apparatus. Thinking about desistance, thus, is not about “fixing” people that society and social systems label as “broken”, “deficient” or “bad”. Rather, desistance is about recognizing people’s talents, strengths and personhood, by understanding how people act, change, and cease crime in empowered ways despite disempowering social structures.

We welcome submissions from criminalized populations or pieces co-authored with advocates and allies, legal, social, along with other practitioners, community-based groups, and scholars. We invite submissions representing a range of disciplines and frameworks, including legal, criminological, anthropological, feminist, philosophical, social work, and artistic interpretations of desistance. We also encourage authors to creatively apply and/or theoretically expand current theorizations of desistance. Submissions that offer insight and analysis of “desistance-focused” programs and policies, or that reflect on the nature and promises

of “desistance” versus “offence” focused interventions and policies are also welcome. Moreover, we invite submissions that consider recent legal changes and how current legislation may facilitate and/or hamper desistance.

Overall, we encourage authors to reflect on the future of desistance research and practice, by considering how scholars, activists, and practitioners can chart a path toward “desistance-informed” futures, and social and legal justice. Submissions from former and current prisoners, particularly those willing to share their insights and/or personal experiences of desistance, including (but certainly not limited to) their internal narratives of desistance and efforts toward desistance (e.g. the material and penal conditions and struggles shaping desistance journeys), are particularly encouraged.

## **PAPER FORMATS AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Prisoners and former prisoners, along with other co-authors (where applicable) are encouraged to submit papers, collaborative essays, discussions transcribed from tape, book reviews, and photo or graphic essays. All contributions must follow the journal’s submission guidelines (<http://www.jpp.org/submissions.html>).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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## **SUBMISSIONS**

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