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# Getting published in academic journals

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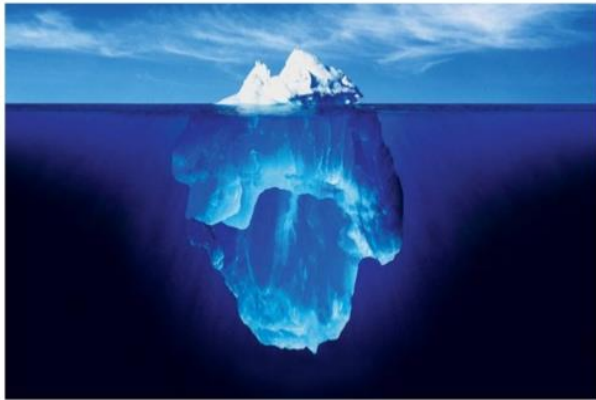


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# The Dark Figure of Crime



## Dark Figure of Crime

**all  
crime**

**crimes  
known  
to the police**

**dark figure**

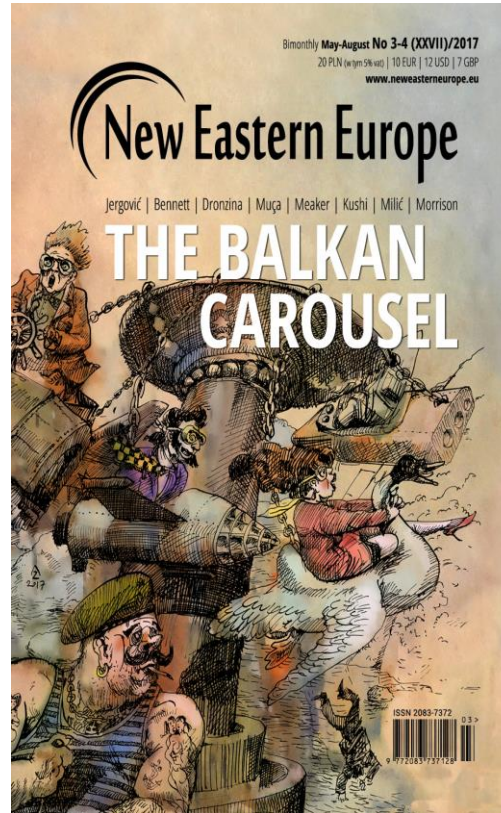
**“Don’t**  
trust your memory,  
**jot it**  
**ALL**  
**DOWN”**

- Earl Schoaff -



## OVERVIEW

1. Academic journals
2. Review process
3. Submitting a paper - 5 Ss
4. 6 points of Advice
5. Discussion - 6 'nuggets of gold'



# 1. Academic journals

## ROLES

Editor: *Deadlines, decisions, referees*

Associate editors: *Reviews, decisions*

Managing editor: *Tracking, process*

Editorial Board: *reviews, policies*

Advisory Board: *names*

Reviewers...

## 2. Review process



Send paper to journal

- Exclusive submission
- 'double blind' (PhD no issue)
- Reject vs sent for review

Reviewers' comments

- For author
- For editor



## Reviewers – Editorial decision

- Reject
- Conditional acceptance
- Revise & resubmit
- Accept

## Response to reviewers

-> revised paper

-> response to reviewers



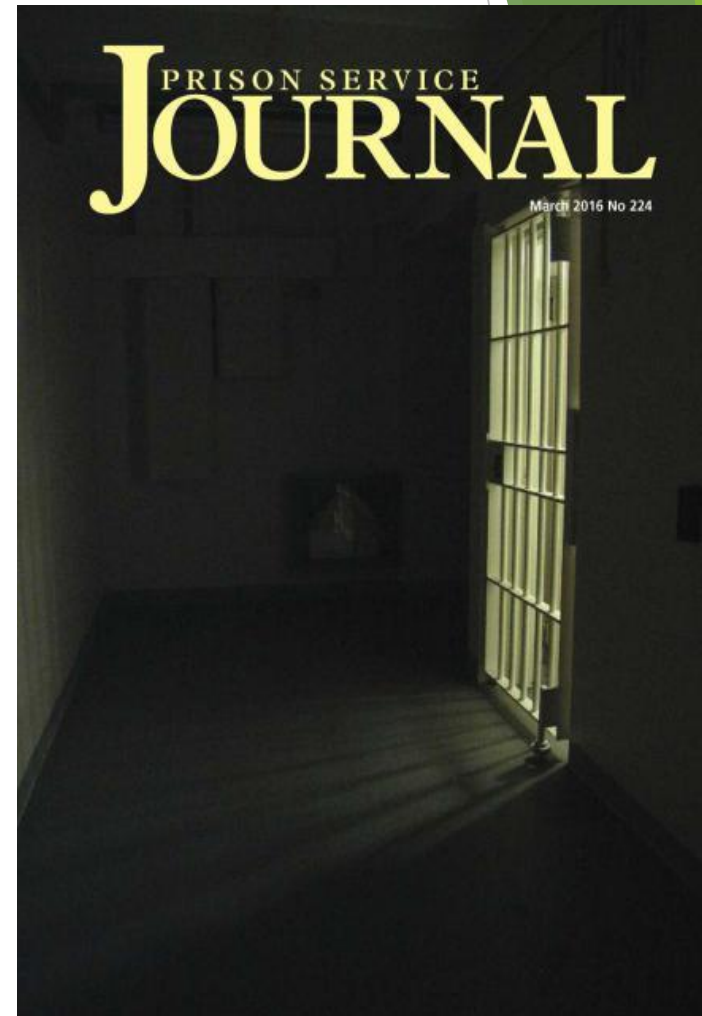
## RESPONDING TO REVIEWERS

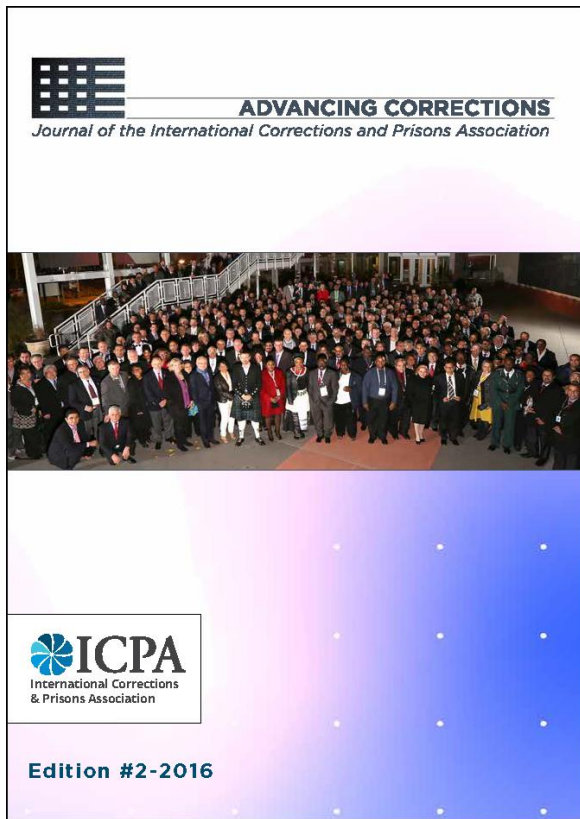
1. Get angry! But never respond when angry
2. Take what you can to improve your paper
3. Explain changes. 'Trade-offs'
4. Complete revisions promptly
5. Reject: 'not suitable' vs 'no good'

## 3. Submitting a paper

**S**uitable

- Target a journal
- see:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Criminology\\_journals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Criminology_journals)
- Follow journal's remit
- Reference check: What journals do you cite?



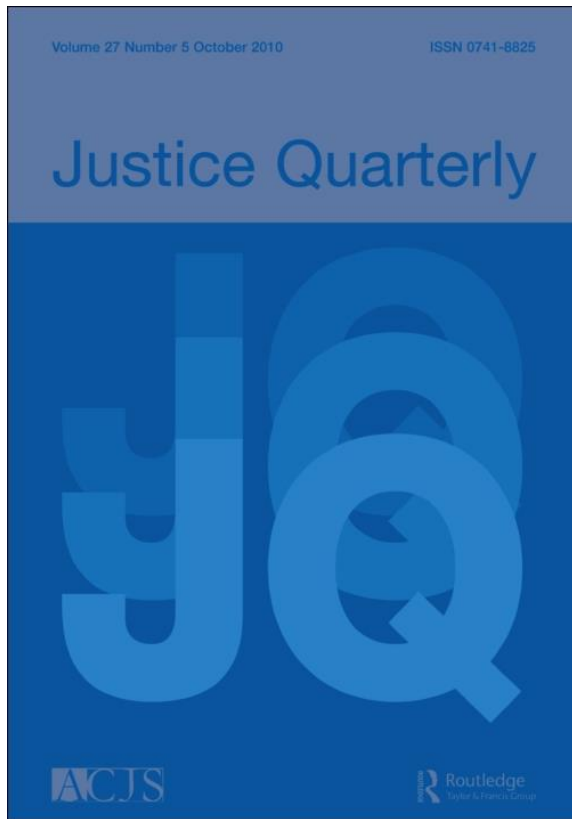


# S<sub>ubstance</sub>

- Methodology sound
- Data collection appropriate
- Informed by literature

# Significance

- ‘So what’!?
- Contribute to emerging issue? Debate?
- Link to theme at centre of discipline?
- Interesting findings? Interpretation?
- Significance: Introduction, conclusion



# S<sub>tyle</sub>

- Sokal hoax
- Writing for readership
- Disciplinary traditions
- Tone: critical + appreciative

# S

- Cites to editorial board members?
- Query editor?
- Pre-review: conference presentation



# 4. Advice

1. Stay positive

Professional, not personal

2. Build a network

Members = reviewers

3. Contribute to discipline

Opening doors, building on foundations







4. keep trying

‘no’ does not mean ‘never again’

5. aim high

Want people to see your work

6. why not become a reviewer?

# 5. Discussion

1. What are the best journals?  
(Nat'l traditions?)
2. publishing PhD research (book vs articles)
3. joys & sorrow of  
co-authorship (with supervisor?)



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## Conference on Law and Administrative Justice from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2014  
2 Bacaloglu st., Sector 2  
Bucharest - ROMANIA

Organized by:

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*The topics covered by the conference are:*

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*The influence of human rights in the law;*

*Migration and the law;*

*Globalisation and sustainable development;*

*New frontiers in criminal justice;*

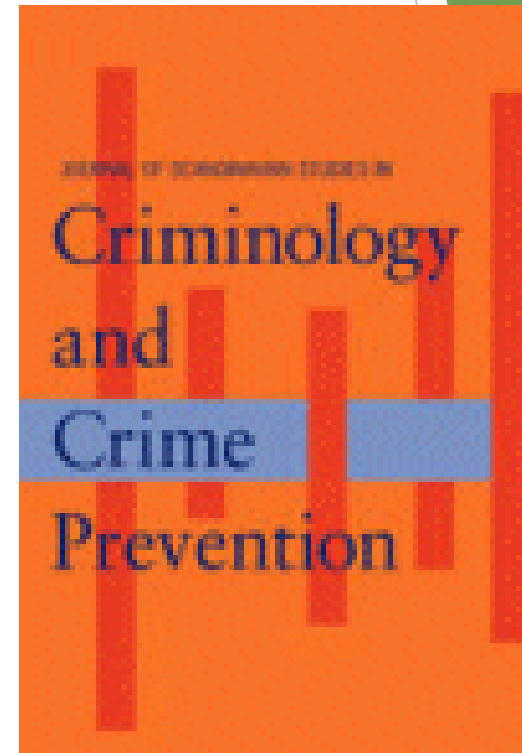
*The future of administrative configuration and law.*



4. journal articles vs edited books

5. one research project, multiple publications

6. your publications, your professional identity





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CARRY A PEN  
AND NOTEBOOK**

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