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## *New perspectives in post-transitional policing studies*

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### **Introduction**

The social, economic and technological developments of the late modern society have radically changed policing approaches both at national and supranational levels. The anti-terrorism discourse has placed the security needs of citizens at the pinnacle of government priorities, but at the same time traditional law enforcement have faced an epistemological crisis through the privatization of security. On the one hand, governments, and especially the police, are expected to either prevent or respond to security threats, and if necessary, to ensure order through rigorous measures. On the other hand, the traditional means of policing have increasing difficulties to sustain their legitimacy both in the national and in the supranational setting.

Regarding the subject of public security, five political and police changes can be identified as a reaction to these new developments:

1. The changes in the relationship between organizational and management rules between the state and other governing bodies,
2. The system of out-of-court measures,
3. The emphasis on a victim-centred approach,
4. The use of new technologies, and
5. The fusion of different security units, such as intelligence services, the military, and the police.

These changes together with the existing security concerns indicate new tensions in policing practices and urge the adaptation of new theoretical approaches. Although several conceptual differentiations are made between policing practices, hardly any theoretical studies discuss the implication of contextual differences between traditional welfare states and new democratic governments.

Therefore, the publication focuses on creating a critical interdisciplinary approach through contextualised thematic analyses of policing practices after the digital turn. All topics will be discussed from a theoretical perspective, and will assess questions of how digitalisation, ultra-state policing and privatisation have changed traditional policing approaches. The editors will seek chapters that address different aspects of policing in post-transitional contexts such as the privatisation of policing tasks, the changing power-relations between police, the state, and society, communication between police institutions and militarised policing practices in different countries.

While challenging existing theoretical approaches in Anglo-Saxon policing studies, the book aims to promote critical law enforcement studies and the need for new conceptual approaches.

### **Objective**

This comprehensive, relevant and timely publication aims to be an essential reference source, building on the available literature in the field of security studies and law enforcement in public and private policing approaches, while simultaneously providing a critical conceptual framework for further research opportunities in this dynamic field. The text shall serve as an essential basis in academic education of policing scholars and other students, for international and national security organizations and for academics alike.

### **Target Audience**

Advanced-level students, academics, researchers, international and national organizations, and government officials will find this text useful in furthering their research exposure to pertinent topics in policing studies, social and cultural practices in police units, and surveillance studies.

### **Recommended Topics**

Contributors are welcome to submit abstracts on the following topics related (but not limited) to policing theories:

- Historical changes in policing theories
- Policing research
- Investigative practice
- Policing ethnography
- Police diversity
- Policing theories
- Police socialisation and the police subculture
- Community-based policing
- Solidarity and the 'Code of Silence'
- Professional development
- Police culture
- Policing protests
- Policing in transition
- Policing borders
- Policing and mental health
- Sensitive issues
- Surveillance
- Digital media and policing.
- Reflection of cultural values in police units
- Gender and police stress
- Sustainability and trust
- Use of force
- Interrelations of secret intelligence and state policing
- Public-private cooperation
- Guarding the guardians
- Digitalisation and policing
- The future of policing

### **Submission Procedure**

Contributors are invited to submit by 30 December 2017, a proposal of 1000 to 1,500 words clearly identifying the topic and structure of the chapter. Proposals should be submitted through an email ([v.nagy@uu.nl](mailto:v.nagy@uu.nl)), and authors will be notified of the status of their proposal not later than 30 January 2018. All submitted chapters chosen for publication will be original, of high quality, and approximately 10,000 words in length at the publication stage. All submissions will be refereed through a double-blind review process. Author(s) of the accepted proposal are required to submit their full chapter no later than 20 April 2018 to facilitate the review process. Submitted chapters should not have been previously published nor be currently under review for publication at other venues. Submissions should follow the manuscript format guidelines from Bristol Policy press. All authors are encouraged to visit the publishers site below before beginning the writing process:

<http://policypress.co.uk/publish-with-us>

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publication. All manuscripts are accepted based on a double-blind peer review editorial process. The book is planned to be published at the end of 2018.