

Call for Papers

Issue 1 (2025): Evolution of Criminal Policies and Legislation in Combating Violent Extremism and Terrorism: Between Protection and Violation of Fundamental Rights.

For its first issue to be published in September 2025, the new annual open-access journal is launching a call for contributions on the evolution of criminal legislation in combating violent extremism and terrorism.

Context and Themes

The evolution of criminal policies and legislation aimed at combating violent extremism and terrorism is crucial in the face of the global rise of these phenomena.

Europe

The terrorist attacks of the past two decades have led to a significant strengthening of criminal laws and policies. European Union countries have adopted strict measures, ranging from the creation of new criminal offenses to harsher penalties. This poses legal and ethical challenges, especially regarding the protection of fundamental rights. Preventive measures, such as increased surveillance and preventive detention, raise debates on the balance between security and individual freedoms. The diversity of national approaches also raises the question of harmonizing legislation within the European Union and Switzerland.

South America

The fight against violent extremism and terrorism in South America is influenced by the region's socio-political complexity, often linked to drug trafficking and illegal armed groups. Countries adapt their legislation and strengthen regional and international cooperation, despite obstacles such as corruption, political instability, and socio-economic inequalities. Ensuring effective and human rights-respectful criminal policies remains a major challenge for South American governments.

State and Intra-State Deviations

In Europe, some anti-terrorism measures have been criticized for their disproportionate impact on ethnic and religious minorities, and for abuses such as excessive use of force, arbitrary detention, and mass surveillance without sufficient privacy guarantees. In South America, anti-terrorism efforts are sometimes used to repress political opponents, leading to human rights violations such as arbitrary detentions, forced disappearances, and extrajudicial executions. These actions question the legitimacy of anti-terrorism policies and may exacerbate social and political tensions.

This first issue of the journal aims to analyze these legislative and policy developments, articulating them with the principles of the rule of law and the protection of fundamental rights. Contributions will address the criminal aspects of combating violent extremism and terrorism, offering comparative perspectives and specific case studies to better understand the challenges and dynamics at play.

Contributions should address the following themes, but are not limited to:

- Definitions of extremism and terrorism: reflections on the categorization of certain groups or individuals.
- Incrimination norms and sanctions: focus on new criminal offenses and specific penalties.
- Jurisprudence: insights and comments, including critical analyses of recent court decisions.
- Specific procedural norms: coercive measures, investigations, and investigative techniques used.
- Evolution and adaptation of national/regional legislation: analysis of recent reforms and legal challenges.
- International comparisons: legislative approaches, "best practices," and significant divergences.
- Specific case studies illustrating successes and failures in combating violent extremism and terrorism.

Mandatory Contextualization

Each contribution must briefly introduce the context related to the country(ies)/region(s) analyzed, especially the legal, jurisprudential, and doctrinal definitions of terrorism and/or violent extremism.

Format and Style of Contributions

Authors must refer to **the guidelines and template available** on the website www.dppc.online.

- At least 10,000 characters (including spaces) and a maximum of 80,000 characters (20 to 25 A4 pages). Exceptions must be justified by scientific interest.
- They can be written in French, Spanish, or English (a translation of the original contribution can be submitted for online publication).
- Proposals must be original and not previously published. Adaptation or updating (of interest) of a contribution is possible as long as it significantly differs from the original.

Submission of Proposals

- Proposals must include a title, a summary of 250 to 500 words, and the contact information of the authors.
- Send your proposals to submit@dppc.online
- The deadline for submitting proposals is ~~August 30~~, **October 15, 2024**.

Review and Publication Process

- The complete manuscript must be submitted by **March 1, 2025**.
- Manuscripts will be peer-reviewed (**March 2025**).
- Corrections – updates (**April – May 2025**)
- Editing and online publication work (**June – August 2025**)
- All contributions will be published in open access on the website www.dppc.online (in HTML format) and in a digital version (PDF) on **September 1, 2025**.

We strongly encourage contributions from a diversity of perspectives and disciplines to enrich the debate and understanding of the legal and legislative challenges in combating violent extremism and terrorism. Your work will significantly contribute to a better understanding of these complex and evolving issues.

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