

PARTICIPATION IN EUROCRIM CONFERENCES: UPHOLDING DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY AND SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE

The Executive Board of the European Society of Criminology (ESC) reaffirms its commitment to the principles enshrined in its [Constitution](#): to promote criminological scholarship, cooperation, and dialogue across borders.

We focus on providing a platform for academic discourse that transcends national and political boundaries, and endeavour to promote the development of mutual respect and understanding to build empathetic dialogue, which we believe is crucial for advancing criminological research and understanding - particularly in times of conflict.

As set out in our November 2024 [Statement](#) we are deeply affected by the violence and suffering caused by conflicts around the world, including in Palestine/Israel. We unequivocally condemn all violations of human rights and international crimes, as defined in the Rome Statute and other relevant international instruments. As a scientific Society, we uphold academic freedom and invite scholarly discussion on these issues at our annual meetings and other fora.

The ESC does not exclude participants on the basis of their nationality, ethnicity, institutional affiliation, religion or country of origin. Calls to forbid participation of individuals or institutions for such reasons are incompatible with our mission and our Constitution.

The ESC fosters dialogue, not division. Our annual meetings are open forums where criminologists from all backgrounds can meet, exchange knowledge, and engage in respectful academic debate. This openness is at the core of our identity and has been essential to the ESC's role in building an international community of scholars.

For these reasons, the ESC Board firmly rejects proposals to exclude participants on grounds unrelated to scientific exchange. Upholding inclusivity and academic freedom is our responsibility to our members, to the wider criminological community, and to society at large.

The ESC Board reaffirms its commitment to freedom of opinion and expression and to the promotion of an environment of mutual respect, understanding, and the encouragement of diversity to cultivate a productive, positive, and equitable environment. Within our community, this freedom also means guaranteeing that others can be heard. Attempts to disrupt, or silence contributions in our meetings undermine these norms and fall outside protected expression. Our Guidelines for Conference Participants sets out expectations placed on participants premised on fairness, respect and professional regard where any form of threatening physical or verbal actions and disorderly or disruptive conduct towards conference participants will not be tolerated.