

Hello. My name is Paul Lawrence and I am the current editor of the journal *Crime, History and Societies*. In this short video, I would like to tell you a little about the journal and below this video are some web links, should you wish to find out more, to contact the journal or, hopefully, to send us an article for consideration.

So *Crime, History and Societies* was founded twenty-four years ago, in 1997, with the aim of supporting the growing field of criminal justice history. It publishes articles on all aspects of the history of crime and criminal justice, and is open to articles on any geographical area or time period.

The journal publishes two issues a year, usually with five articles in each issue, plus book reviews. The journal appears both in print and online. The print version is distributed by a Swiss publisher (Droz), and the online version is hosted on a French platform OpenEditions.org. You can find below a link to the online version of the journal and to the publisher's webpages.

All articles apart from those published in the last two years are available open access. Past issues of the journal are also available via JSTOR, and there is a link to our JSTOR page below as well.

As you will see, *Crime, History and Societies* is a bilingual journal – its French title is, predictably, *Crime, Histoire et Sociétés*. So, we accept and publish submissions in both French and English. We find this gives us both a broad readership and large pool of potential authors but also feel it intellectually important to encourage an international approach to the study of crime and justice.

*Crime, History and Societies* has always had, an editorial board which reflects this international outlook. Many important figures in the development of our field – Clive Emsley, James Sharpe, Pieter Spierenburg, Herman Diederiks – were involved in setting up the journal. Current members of the Editorial Board come from the UK, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Germany. So, the journal has an international advisory board and a correspondingly broad international readership.

We publish articles by established authors but are also a journal which really tries to encourage more junior scholars. We are funded in part by the *Maison de Sciences de l'Homme* in Paris, one of our initiatives in this regard is our annual Prize – the Herman Diederiks Prize. This is awarded to a junior scholar for a first article submitted within three years of the award of their PhD, and the winner receives 1000 Euros to spend on research. You'll find a link to the current call below, and the deadline is 31 October, meaning there is still time if you wish to submit an entry.

So, thank you for taking the time to hear about our journal. We have very recently stepped into the twenty first century by setting up a Twitter Profile. You will find our Twitter details below this video, so do look us up and follow if you'd like updates of latest issues and so forth. At the end of this video you'll see my contact details and those of the journal. I'm always happy to discuss potential contributions and look forward to talking to you soon.