

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**“CONVICT POPULATION: NEW PERSPECTIVES”**

**Belgrade, December 4, 2023**

**Institute for Criminological and Sociological Research**

The National Conference “Convict Population: New Perspectives”, organized by the Institute for Criminological and Sociological Research and Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation at the University of Belgrade, is a part of the national scientific project **PrisonLIFE**, supported by the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia.

**The main goal** of this conference is to provide a platform for early-career researchers and undergraduate/graduate students to learn about scientific paper writing and presentation, while facilitating the exchange of ideas and opinions. Participants are encouraged to choose a topic aligned with the conference theme and present their work to a diverse audience in collaboration with their mentors.

Participation in the conference is **free** of charge.

Participants have the option to submit an **abstract** or **proceeding**.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the **Book of Abstracts**. Selected papers will be published in the peer-reviewed journal *Zbornik Instituta za kriminološka i sociološka istraživanja*.

The conference will cover a wide range of topics related to the prison population.

- Duration of imprisonment, adaptation to captivity, imprisonment experiences
- Characteristics of the prison population, including demographic, penological, criminological, and sociopsychological aspects
- Risk assessment, treatment progress, and types of criminal offense
- Educational background of convicts and their involvement in educational processes within the prison system
- Employment and vocational training opportunities in prisons
- Adaptation of treatment methods for female convicts and their experiences as victims of violence
- Convicted perpetrators of criminal offenses with elements of violence
- Criminological and penological characteristics of recidivists
- Importance of maintaining family and social contacts
- Substance abuse issues and involvement in withdrawal treatment programs
- Specialized treatments available in prisons and their effectiveness
- Leisure activities and their impact on the prison environment
- Public opinion, societal attitudes, and social reactions toward convicts
- Other relevant topics.

More information can be found at [www.prisonlife.rs](http://www.prisonlife.rs) or via [konferencija@prisonlife.rs](mailto:konferencija@prisonlife.rs)