

## Call for Presentations

We are pleased to invite proposals for the symposium “Understanding Organised Crime: Japan in Comparative Perspective”, to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the University of Tōkyō. We are seeking presentations that cover a broad spectrum of topics within criminology, law, and sociology.

The symposium will be followed by a special issue on the same topic, which will bring together a selection of the papers discussed at the symposium. Presenters who are willing to submit a paper to the special issue are invited to mention it explicitly in the symposium proposals.

### Symposium Themes:

The symposium will feature three panels: organised crime and society, illegal markets, and responses to organised crime. In each panel, papers can focus on Japan and/or one or more countries. Presenters are not required to provide a comparative analysis in their individual presentations, as the comparative angle can also be achieved by pairing the presentations from Japan and other countries for each topic.

We welcome proposals that explore the following themes:

- *Organised Crime and Society*: Papers in this panel can include but are not limited to: the changing relationship between organised crime and society, including the loss of legitimacy of mafia-like organizations, changing public perceptions of organised crime, media and organised crime,
- *Illegal markets*: Papers in this panel will look at the operations of organised criminal groups within various illegal markets. A non-exhaustive list of topics include: operational strategies, market dynamics, economic and social impacts
- *Responses to Organised Crime*: Papers in this session will examine various strategies and policies implemented to combat organised crime, including but not limited to: criminal law measures and criminal policies to fight organised crime, administrative and civil law interventions, innovative and multi-disciplinary approaches.

### Proposal Submission Guidelines:

Each proposal should include the following information:

1. **Name**: Names, affiliations, and contact details
2. **Title**: A clear and concise title of the presentation.
3. **Panel**: please indicate the panel you wish to present in.
4. **Abstract**: 300 words abstract.

### Submission Process:

Please submit your symposium proposal by emailing your proposal at [martina.baradel@sociology.ox.ac.uk](mailto:martina.baradel@sociology.ox.ac.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Proposals will be reviewed by the Organising Committee, and notifications of acceptance will be sent by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**Additional workshop:** “Integrating Perspectives: Advanced Workshop on Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methodologies”

Participants are cordially invited to participate in an additional workshop focused on research methodologies for the study of organised crime, scheduled to take place at the University of Nagoya on 23rd October 2024. This workshop offers a unique opportunity for attendees to engage in an informal setting, to discuss innovative approaches within the field of organised crime research. Participation should be notified to Martina Baradel at [martina.baradel@sociology.ox.ac.uk](mailto:martina.baradel@sociology.ox.ac.uk)

**Important Dates:**

- Proposal Submission Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Notification of Acceptance: 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Additional workshop on Methodology: 23<sup>rd</sup> October, University of Nagoya
- Conference Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October, University of Tōkyō

For any questions or further information, please contact Martina Baradel at [martina.baradel@sociology.ox.ac.uk](mailto:martina.baradel@sociology.ox.ac.uk)

We look forward to receiving your proposals and to an exciting and enriching conference.