

## Call For Papers

### **BOOK: Global Perspectives of Neuroscience and Vulnerable Defendants in the Criminal Justice System**

**Editors: Hannah Wishart & Ed Johnston**

We are seeking 250-word abstracts for Routledge's "Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice" book series for a book titled 'Global Perspectives of Neuroscience and Vulnerable Defendants in the Criminal Justice System' due to be published in 2023.

The chapters will embrace a broad range of distinct legal issues for vulnerable defendants during court proceedings through a neuroscientific lens. We are interested in receiving contributions from a broad range of scholars and early career researchers around the world that can offer a worldwide analysis of neuroscience, vulnerable defendants and particular aspects of the criminal justice system. We encourage proposed contributions that might relate to one of the following themes:

- The trial process, vulnerable defendants and neuroscience
- The pre-trial process (e.g., unfitness to plead test), vulnerable defendants and neuroscience
- The use of neuroscience as expert evidence at trial and/or on appeal
- Mentally disordered defendants, legal defences and neuroscience
- Immature children, specific legal defences and neuroscience
- Vulnerable defendants, specific offences and neuroscience
- Future predictions of the role neuroscience will play in court proceedings or more generally in the criminal law for vulnerable defendants

Potential contributors should email Hannah Wishart ([Hannah.wishart@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Hannah.wishart@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk)) or Ed Johnston ([edward2.johnston@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:edward2.johnston@uwe.ac.uk)) with a Title and Abstract (250 words). Please also include any institutional affiliation and email contact.

The closing date for submitted abstracts is the **15<sup>th</sup> of February 2022**.

Submissions must be original and must not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. The editors will base their final decisions on relevance and quality. Decisions will be made by 13th of March 2022. All papers must follow OSCOLA guidelines for submission.

If successful, we expect the book contract to be agreed in March/April 2022 and, once contributions are confirmed, we expect first drafts to be submitted to the editors by June 2022. Chapters will be approximately 8,000 words in length (including references). Final drafts to be submitted in December 2022 and published in May/June 2023.

All the best,

Hannah Wishart & Ed Johnston