**Call for contributing authors:**

**Edited Collection on Neurodivergence and Criminal Justice**

*This is a call for contributions to a proposed edited collection focusing on neurodivergence in the criminal justice system. Please contact the editors, Tom Smith (*[*thomas8.smith@uwe.ac.uk*](mailto:thomas8.smith@uwe.ac.uk)*) and Roxanna Dehaghani (*[*fatemi-dehaghanir@cardiff.ac.uk*](mailto:fatemi-dehaghanir@cardiff.ac.uk)*), for more information.*

Neurodivergence is a sociological concept describing a range of neuro-developmental differences, which affect cognitive processes such as social communication, learning and memory, and sensory processing. The term collectively describes a cluster of medically defined conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and a variety of others. Whilst much has been written about these specific and separate forms of neurodivergence in the context of the criminal justice system, there are few examples of scholarship on neurodivergence as a broader concept in criminal justice; and in a manner which makes connections across existing scholarship. Currently, there is no single book which specifically focuses on neurodivergence and criminal justice. The proposed collection aims to address this by bringing together, in one volume, a range of perspectives on neurodivergence across various distinct but connected contexts of criminal justice. It aims to draw out common and connected challenges, innovations, and opportunities, producing a nuanced, holistic, and original insight into how neurodivergence currently ‘exists’ within criminal justice; and how the system might better engage with neurodivergence as a concept.

**If you would like to contribute, please submit via email to the editors (by 5pm UK time, Friday 14th June 2024):**

* **A proposed chapter summary/abstract (max. 250 words)**
  + *Proposed contributions are not limited to England and Wales – insights from any jurisdiction are welcome.*
  + *Proposed contributions can explore any form of neurodivergence, and specific or multiple stages, processes, actors, or institutions of criminal justice.*
  + *Contributions would be approximately 7-8K words (including footnotes)*
* **A short biography for each proposed contributor (max. 250 words per biography)**
  + *Authors from various backgrounds are welcome, including academic, clinical, legal professional, and lived experience.*

The editors aim to submit their proposal to the target publisher (Routledge) **by** **the end of June 2024.** On acceptance of the proposal, contributors would have approximately 12 months to return chapters (estimated late 2025); proposed publication would be Spring 2026.