

## Editorial

The October issue focuses on 'Policing and Transnational Crime' and has articles from both national and international scholars. The basic aim of the Journal is to promote empirical and indigenous research in the field of criminology, and this issue fills that role. When it comes to policing topics in Pakistan however, we face rather serious obstacles due to the introvert, rigid and un-accessible structure and system of the Pakistan law-enforcement agencies. The Pakistan security sector, unlike most agencies in the West, does not publish annual progress reports. As a result, there is a significant measure of the unknown, and we can only guess as to what positive and negative work is being done by the law enforcement community. This, of course, needs to change.

That said, there are some reports coming out, but often these documents are being generated by an external organization (typically some kind of NGO), which do not portray a true and trusted picture of the over-all situation. In the current issue, this problem is specifically addressed by our local writers who have critically evaluated the role of the law-enforcement agencies, their desired functions as well as their constraints.

The Journal is steadily moving on with contribution from the best writers from the developed world as well as our local scholars. As a point of information, the practice of producing special issues will become less frequent. The use of the special issue was undertaken to get the Journal off the ground, but we now intend for the Journal to take on a more topically generic role. We also intend to reproduce some articles previously published elsewhere by some of our senior Pakistani police officers. These articles have not been readily accessible to our current students of criminology, but will now be, and by so doing, we will both preserve and promulgate the work of our senior scholars.

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