

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Criminological Society (ACS) Conference

Invitation to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Criminological Society (ACS) Conference which will be hosted by the Criminology Research Center, Ryukoku University, between 18-21 June, 2021.

As the first major international criminology conference since Spring 2020, this year's ACS Conference provides a vital opportunity for us to share and discuss our latest research findings and keep abreast of criminological developments in what is a rapidly changing landscape. In addition to those based within the Asia and Oceania region, participation from our colleagues from across the globe will undoubtedly energize and enrich the Conference.

Conference registration and abstract submissions are now being accepted, and we are also currently running a Conference Bursary Competition. The respective deadlines for these submissions are as follows:

- ✧ **March 15, 2021: Abstract submission deadline**
- ✧ **April 10, 2021: Conference registration (early bird)**
- ✧ **May 14, 2021: Conference registration (general)**

As I am sure you may be concerned about the viability of participating in the Conference due to the ongoing risks and restrictions relating to COVID-19, I would like to re-assure you that in hosting the 12th Annual ACS Conference, we are taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety of participants.

Accordingly, except for main events such as Keynote Speeches and Plenary Sessions, all individual presentations (Individual Paper Presentations and Pre-arranged Thematic Panel Sessions) will, in principle, be held online. Reflecting this, the conference registration fee has been substantially reduced.

Nevertheless, for those for whom it is possible to present in person at Ryukoku University during the conference, you are able to indicate this at the time of submitting your abstract application.

For further details about the conference, as well as procedures for registering and submitting an abstract, please visit the conference website:

<https://acs2020.org/>

Whilst current circumstances mean we may not be able to meet in person, we would nonetheless be delighted if you would be able to join us.

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