

Critical Perspectives/Perspectives Critique Guiding Principles

- Striving to reduce and ultimately end the use and harms of criminalization;
- Preserving and promoting a critical criminological perspective while allowing for healthy, respectful, and productive exchange between those who define themselves as more radical and/or abolitionist and those who are concerned with trying to reform the criminal legal system to make it more humane;
- Making the conference open to and inclusive of wider communities, especially those with lived experience of criminalization and those who experience various dimensions of marginalization such as race, gender identity, poverty, sexuality, disability;
- Cherishing lived experience as a form of knowledge as well as means of producing scientific/academic knowledges and providing a platform for these types of knowledges to be shared in a respectful environment;
- Being conscious of power relations in how the conference is conducted. Acknowledging that all knowledge production and dissemination is political and carries with it inequalities and oppressions. We request all participants be cognizant of this and intentional in their presentations, comments and all other forms of exchanges with those present;
- Keeping the conference open, inclusive, and free of registration fees;
- Promoting access and participation for graduate students;
- Maintaining a bilingual event and providing translation as much as financially possible;
- Maintaining diversity and a broad geographical representation on the national committee and at the conference;
- Preserving and promoting collaboration between the national committee and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies at the University of Winnipeg and its Justice series;
- Working towards publishing some of the proceedings;
- Increasing the visibility of critical criminology across the country and internationally.