Call for Abstracts – Conference Session at ISA 2018

Cyber-Criminology:
Understanding the Impact of Technologies on Deviant Behaviours Online and Offline

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We are now accepting submissions for our session at the meeting of the International Sociological Association, taking place in Toronto, Canada from July 15-21, 2018.

Session Abstract:
The emergence of the internet and other digital technologies has served as a new platform for experiencing criminal and deviant activities. Conditions of anonymity that exist online have obscured normative expectations in this social context and have complicated responses from police and the legal system. This session invites submissions on a wide range of topics within the field of cyber-criminology, which is a growing area of academic research. Specific topics of interest for this session include but are not limited to: cyber-crime/deviance (e.g., trolling, flaming, digital piracy, etc.), cyber-bullying, cyber-terrorism, surveillance and sousveillance, internet addiction, and the social implications of cyber-security policies. We also welcome submissions that discuss the perspectives of both offenders and victims of cyber-crimes. Furthermore, of particular interest are papers that use a criminological perspective to understand deviant behaviours that are unique to the internet or those that have transformed from the offline to the online context. Overall, the intent of this session is to highlight current theoretical contributions, such as those that present macro-level theories of cyber-crime, as well as empirical research focusing on case studies that illustrate specific occurrences of cyber-crime or other technology-based crimes.

Session Information:
All sessions are 110 minutes in duration and will include 4-5 paper presentations. There will be 15-20 minutes for questions and collective discussion following the presentations.

Submission Guidelines:
Abstracts must be under 300 words in length. Please see the full submission requirements found at http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/guidelines-for-presenters/. Authors may be required to submit a full version of their paper or presentation prior to the conference.

Submissions must be received by September 30, 2017 to be considered for this session. Please submit your abstract online at https://isaconf.confex.com/isacconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/programs.html. Session organizers will notify authors on the acceptance of their submissions by November 30, 2017.