

Division of International Criminology  
(American Society of Criminology)  
Social Media Policy  
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**Purpose.** This document establishes Division of International Criminology (DIC) policy for official use of social media sites and tools, including Facebook (/ASCDIC), Twitter (/ASCDIC), Twitter for International Criminology journal (/intlcriminology) Instagram (/ASCDIC), website ([www.internationalcriminology.com](http://www.internationalcriminology.com)), and the official e-mail account ([asc.dic@gmail.com](mailto:asc.dic@gmail.com)).

This policy describes the official use by members of the social media accounts as a means of communication and public engagement. When using the DIC social media tools, social media committee members represent the DIC, should follow the rules outlined in this policy, and should strive to enhance the purposes of the DIC:

- To foster research and exchange of information concerning criminology in an international perspective;
- To encourage effective teaching and practice of criminological principles and to develop curricula for courses in international criminology;
- To identify criteria and standards for evaluating criminal justice systems;
- To provide a forum for personal interaction and exchange of ideas among persons involved in international criminology; and,
- To promote conference sessions pertaining to international criminology.

**Social media committee responsibility.** It is the policy of DIC that social media tools be accessed and used in a responsible manner. This policy represents guidelines for those who have access to the social media accounts and are thus representing the key purposes of the platforms to the wider international audience. Content posted to DIC social media accounts should be limited to international research & media coverage of research, opportunities related to international criminology (i.e., job opportunities, collaborative opportunities, post-docs, teaching, etc.), conferences, division information, and ASC information to distribute to the division.

Social media committee members shall not disclose any DIC platform passwords to anyone outside of the committee, including other DIC members.

Posts by the members of the social media committee will be subject to immediate removal if they contain:

- 1) Offensive or harassing content, including, but not limited to, disparaging remarks made about individuals or groups based on their racial, ethnic, LGBTQ+, gender, or differently abled backgrounds.
- 2) Political endorsements of any kind
- 3) Disclosure of confidential, sensitive, or proprietary information
- 4) Information that may compromise the safety or security of individuals or the public

5) Illegal conduct or promotion thereof

Members of the social media committee should not post any objectionable material listed in the items 1) to 5) above or any other material that violates this policy. The chair of the DIC's social media committee will decide whether any post violates the DIC's official policy on social media and whether the post will be removed.

If the post violates the terms noted above, the Social Media Committee Chair will notify the Chair of Division of International Criminology to determine the next appropriate steps.