

Editorial

POLICING AND SECURITY IN PRACTICE: THEN, NOW, AND INTO THE FUTURE

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It would be safe to say that research is the key distinguishing feature of successful universities. This is because research fuels knowledge and innovation. In this regard, we are proud to have been able to edit this special edition of *Salus Journal* because it showcases examples of research that came out of the International Policing and Security Conference that was held in Sydney, Australia between 14 and 15 November, 2013. The conference was organised with the aim to provide an opportunity for scholars and practitioners interested in issues impacting on policing and security to come together in order to discuss the critical issues facing the profession.

The two day conference became a forum for scholars and practitioners to engage in a variety of lectures, seminars, and work-based visits. Conference delegates discussed, engaged, and shared their thoughts on issues currently confronting practice as well as examining emerging issues. It was a rich environment for cultivating ideas.

That's why papers presented at the conference were considered for inclusion in this special issue of *Salus Journal*. So, we are pleased to be able to present five research articles and a critical essay that represent a sampling of the scholarly research that was presented. We commend these papers to you as examples of "policing and security in practice," and in doing so, we thank the members for the Editorial Board for generously donating their time to review them.

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