

Call for Papers: Gender Responsive Policing (GRP)—A New Concept

In the current age of theories in criminology and policing sciences, new ideas are regularly floated, debated, and tested on the touchstone of research and practical implications for scholars and practitioners of the law-enforcement community. The increasing interest in women policing, dealing with violence against women, women emancipation through employment, enhanced role of women in the police work and police decision-making processes and the new laws and regulations for safety and protection of women's rights at workplace—all have compelled both the theoreticians and practitioners to evolve a new concept in the name of Gender Responsive Policing (GRP), a project launched by GIZ in collaboration with the National Police Bureau (NPB), Government of Pakistan. This project has created ripples in the academic as well as law-enforcement circles in the country. After the first International Islamic Women Police Conference which was held in Afghanistan in 2007 with success, now the second is going to be held on November 21-24, 2011 at Islamabad, Pakistan. The Conference will provide opportunity for the collaboration learning among the women police officers from 18 Islamic countries. The main focus of papers and presentations will be sharing of experiences on gender responsive policing including operational responses on handling crimes of violence against women and organizational policies on women's role in policing. Best practices, innovative policing initiatives and gender reforms policies in different countries will be the main focus of discussions. The role of NGOs and INGOs will also find a place in the upcoming conference debate.

The GTZ, Pakistan office, will provide the selected articles, research papers from the conference for publication in the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology*, January 2012. The scholars and practitioners from other parts of the world are also invited to share their researches and best practices with the readers of the coming issue which will be published in collaboration with the GRP-Project of GTZ. Surely, this will be a new addition to the development of Criminology and Police Studies in general, and in Pakistan in particular. Articles may kindly be sent to the Editor-in-Chief, Fasihuddin (fasih68@hotmail.com) directly, or to Dr. Khola Irum (khola.iram@gmail.com) by the end of January, 2012. The Pakistan Journal of Criminology is a peer-reviewed journal and the articles are to be properly abstracted with keywords, Endnotes and References, if any. The writer (s) are also required to attach/add their short introduction at the end.