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Responses to contemporary challenges in the regulation of corporate crimes and harms

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The regulation of crimes and harms produced at the state-corporate nexus presents ongoing challenges across political-legal systems, markets, and organisations. Experts across disciplines vary in their ideological and methodological approaches to studies of corporate activity and processes of corporate regulation. In scholarship, this has led to disciplinary divides between corporate criminology and regulation-governance studies, with the former prioritising responses based on coercion and deterrence, and the latter emphasising ‘softer’ persuasion, along with associated compliance or ‘social responsibility’-led initiatives (Almond and Van Erp, 2018). Compliance oriented corporate criminal liability laws, regulatory inspections, as well as naming and shaming strategies that prompt social responsibility efforts, are variously critiqued as means to prevent and detect crimes and other violations committed within corporations or other entities. Thus, while theories of corporate regulation span from consensus approaches to conflict-driven strategies, the need to diversify enforcement tools, which harness a variety of actors from civil society, along with continuous regulatory pressure, remains a pressing issue (e.g. Braithwaite, 2020; Pearce and Tombs, 1998).

Growing inequalities, exploitative transformation of labour markets, environmental harms, and proliferation of algorithmic decision-making technologies and other AI-driven technologies, call for a reassessment of prevailing regulatory approaches. The sweeping COVID-19 pandemic will inevitably reshape the social and economic milieus and generate significant debate on future directions in these areas. Some hope for radical socio-economic transformation, whereas others fear extensive austerity measures amid creeping economic crises. The developing COVID-19 situation both stems from and exacerbates struggles underlining capitalist societies. Accordingly, it creates challenges and opportunities to transform corporate crime regulation.

To further discuss corporate crime regulation, we hereby invite theoretical and empirical investigations into innovative approaches focusing on the prevention and regulation of white-

collar, state-corporate, corporate and organised crimes, as well as social harms, for a special issue of the *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*. Regulation of white collar and corporate crimes spans across sectional boundaries, often overlapping with racial, gender, ecological and class struggles. Thus, to promote interdisciplinary exchanges on the subject, we welcome insight from criminology, zemiology, civil society, social movements literature, and industrial relations studies.

Original manuscripts considered for publication in this special issue should be between 4,000-7,000 words, and can focus on a variety of topics, including but not limited to:

- The role of civil society and social movements in the regulatory process
- Worker-driven social responsibility and other examples of ‘bottom up’ pressure practices
- Co-enforcement and collaborative governance strategies
- Naming and shaming campaigns
- Hybrid regulatory approaches
- Public-private partnerships
- State-led efforts and failures in the regulatory and enforcement process

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