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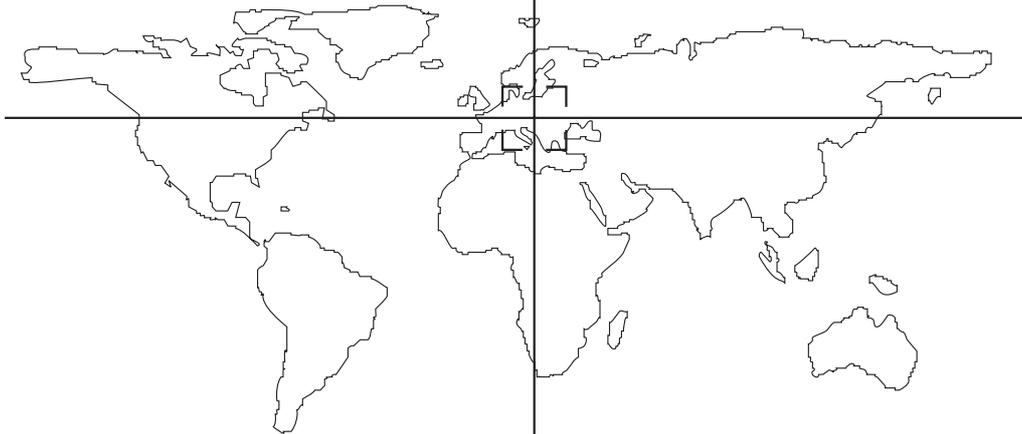
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PREFACE

Dilemmas of Contemporary Criminal Justice is the fifth thematic volume in *Policing in Central and Eastern Europe* series published by the Faculty of Criminal Justice, University of Maribor, Slovenia. Like others on such subjects as comparing firsthand knowledge from the West (1996); organizational, managerial, and human resource aspects of policing (1998); ethics, integrity, and human rights in policing (2000) and deviance, violence, and victimization (2002) this thematic publication attempts to provide a comprehensive overview of the state of the art of research and knowledge concerning contemporary criminal justice system, criminal justice studies, criminological studies, safety studies and beyond.

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There are seventy papers in this publication. These papers were written by ninety-three authors from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Slovenia.

For many of them, English is not their native language. To preserve the authenticity and originality of all contributions, the papers in this publication were not corrected in terms of the language. All the authors, especially non-native English speaking ones, have been advised to put their paper through a peer review of an English speaking expert.

The book is divided into the following chapters: (1) Introductory essays, (2) General issues on policing, (3) Criminal investigation, (4) Police deviance and integrity, (5) Criminal law and criminal justice, (6) Corrections, (7) Criminological issues, (8) Security and crime prevention, and (9) Research methods.

As in the first four volumes, the contributions in this volume vary in terms of their scientific rigour, scope and focus; however, the variety of issues covered, number of new ideas, and different perspectives, make this volume an essential reading for academics, professionals, politicians, students and others, concerned with the criminal justice, crime prevention and safety/security issues.

It is also necessary to mention that a GERN Interlab on Criminological and Criminal Justice Research in South-Eastern Europe was being hosted during the conference on *Dilemmas of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. Papers presented on the Interlab are not

included in this volume but have significantly contributed to a debate on criminal justice dilemmas.

In addition, it is also necessary to mention that the fifth conference on Policing in Central and Eastern Europe takes place in Slovenia, which has recently become a member state of the European Union and is organised by the Faculty of Criminal Justice, University of Maribor, Slovenia, which has developed from the College of Police and Security Studies, Affiliated Member of the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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