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It has become a truism that policing is no longer the exclusive domain of the police, but is rather carried out by a wide range of public, private and voluntary actors. Over the past three decades, our comparative understanding of 'plural policing' has moved forward considerably. A growing number of scholars have mapped out both the multiplicity of actors tasked with delivering policing functions on the ground and the array of regulatory structures responsible for steering these functions from above. Much less is known, however, about what happens when these policing actors and regulatory structures interact with one another on a daily basis.

Our new book series aims to address this gap and is guided by three core questions:

1. How do public, private and voluntary policing actors on the ground interpret and negotiate their way through the diversity of regulatory structures they encounter on an everyday level?
2. What kinds of social, political and economic orders does this process bring into effect?
3. How does this structure-agency dynamic play out within and across different parts of the globe?

To address these questions, we are interested both in the formal characteristics of policing and regulatory institutions and in the mediating role of emotions, identity, culture and other less formal dimensions. We are particularly keen to promote international and cross-disciplinary contributions which draw together insights from anthropology, criminology, geography, international development, law, peace studies, policy studies, political sciences, security studies, sociology and urban studies.

Within this broad agenda, we encourage book proposals on, but not limited to, the following topics: public policing; private policing and security; voluntary policing and citizen patrols; vigilantism; regulatory space; plural policing and social (dis)order; representations of plural policing; comparative plural policing; histories of plural policing; polizeiwissenschaft.

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