Welcome

Our Annual Report for 2017-18 has a new look and feel, featuring our redesigned logo and branding. This has been part of a refresh in the way we present our work, in which we aim to share what we do with more people in more ways. We are working towards a web friendly approach to our annual reporting so that a shorter printed report is complemented by web links that offer full accounts of the work we do.

What has not changed is the amount of activity in the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, highlights of which are featured herein. Over 2017-18, the Centre held around £2 million in research funding, welcomed 14 new PhD students starting in SCCJR institutions, and congratulated eight who completed their degrees. We published scores of articles, books, chapters and working papers and have numerous active projects. The challenge and excitement of SCCJR, across our four universities and reflecting a community of 30 core staff researchers and 60 doctoral students, is the sheer diversity of the areas we work in and the skilful, creative and engaged approaches we take in our research. This ranges from: evaluating Scotland’s problem-solving courts to critically examining concepts of community in justice reform; tracing and evaluating the journeys of sexual violence survivors to building capacity in researching cybercrime and security. There are very few areas of crime and justice that we are not actively studying.

SCCJR aims to provide a supportive environment for all of this to happen, directly stimulating development of new ideas through commissioning research, providing for seed funding of early stage projects and international mobility, sponsoring workshops and networks, and funding PhD-led development initiatives. Our ultimate goal is to support research that is interesting, important and impactful in the UK and globally. Essential to supporting researchers in this are a dedicated team of administrative staff as well as student interns, and all of us are grateful for the work of our Centre Administrator Jennifer Arthur, Communications Officer Rachelle Cobain, PhD researchers Ben Collier, Shane Horgan and James Gacek as well as Masters students Amy Cullen and Andy Ashe helping with events through the year.

Sarah Armstrong
Director, SCCJR

Who we are and how we work

SCCJR operates with a single Director (Sarah Armstrong) supported by Associate Directors from each partner institution to carry out annual plans; this includes Anna Souhami and Lesley McAra (Edinburgh); Alistair Fraser (Glasgow); Niall Hamilton-Smith and Margaret Malloch (Stirling); and, Laura Piacentini and Beth Weaver (Strathclyde). Our Management Committee and Board of Governance review the work and plans of the Centre and approve its expenditure plan.

During the course of 2017-18 we saw staff expansion reflecting the Centre’s continued success. We welcomed Jennifer Arthur (Centre Administrator) and Rachelle Cobain (Communications Officer), joining us in Glasgow (Jennifer is now moving to Strathclyde in a promoted role and we wish her luck in this after having made a hugely positive impact in her short time with us), as well as new Lecturer Dr Julie Berg, and re-appointment of Dr Caitlin Gormley and Dr Nughmana Mirza. Dr Cara Jardine joined Strathclyde University as a teaching fellow, and Dr Gemma Flynn was re-appointed as one at Edinburgh University. Congratulations to Sarah MacQueen, our colleague in SCCJR formerly based at Edinburgh University, who has been recruited by the Scottish Government to develop strategy for justice statistics. In further Edinburgh news, we congratulate Dr Ben Matthews and Dr Kath Murray joining the Understanding Inequalities project under leadership of Professor Susan McVie.
Awards & Achievements in 2017/18

MICHELE BURMAN and JANE MAIR (Glasgow). Family Justice: exploring experiences and challenges across criminal and civil legal processes.

SARAH ARMSTRONG (Glasgow), BETH WEAVER and TRISH MCCULLOCH (Dundee). Measuring Justice: Exploring how experiences of justice are defined and conceptualized to develop tools for policy development.

LAURA PIACENTINI (Strathclyde) won an ESRC grant with GAVIN SLADE (Glasgow) and research partners from the Higher School of Economics, St Petersberg, Russia and the University of Nazarbayev, Astana, Kazakhstan. The circa £735k project, “In the Gulag’s Shadow: Producing, Consuming and Persisting Prison in the Former Soviet Union” will be the first systematic, theoretical and cultural study, in the world, of post-Soviet incarceration.

DONNA YATES (Glasgow) was awarded a €1.5m European Research Council Starting Grant for a five-year project that will look at the broad question of “can objects cause crimes?” Donna and her research team (Prof Simon Mackenzie of the Trafficking Culture Project and Dr Annette Hübschle of SCCJR) won three research grants from the Scottish Government as part of a grant call for research on ‘Experiences of Justice’.

SCCJR won three research grants to conduct a three-year programme of research on Understanding Inequalities. A core element of the research will be crime inequalities, both at an individual and a community level.

LESLIE MCARA (Edinburgh) was appointed President Elect of the European Society of Criminology, and also selected to lead the Edinburgh Futures Institute.

MARGARET MALLOCH (Strathclyde) was awarded funding from Community Justice Scotland to develop their work on Sentenced Lives.

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MARGARET MALLOCH (Stirling) was appointed to lead the Aberdeen court problem-solving approach. This problem-solving approach uses dedicated court staff and inter-agency community justice partnerships to work with women and men with complex needs and prolific offence histories.

LAURA PIACENTINI (Strathclyde) along with colleagues at the Universities of Stirling, Dundee, and the Maria and Joao Alexio Institute in Rio de Janeiro has won a £180k research grant from the AHRC and the MRC through their Global Public Health Partnership. The project, “Right to Health in Prison”, will establish a sustainable international, trans-disciplinary and inter-sectoral research hub that brings together researchers, policy makers and practitioners working in the areas of global public health and human rights to address the health needs of prisoners in Scotland and Brazil.

DONNA YATES (Glasgow) was appointed Trustee of Howard League Scotland.

MARGARET MALLOCH (Glasgow) along with colleagues from Law, Politics, Sociology, Urban Studies, Medicine, Nursing and the Institute for Health and Wellbeing, set up a new Gender Based Violence Research Forum for staff and postgraduate research students to share information, develop research ideas and receive support in relation to gender based violence research.

BETH WEAVER (Strathclyde) was appointed Trustee of Howard League Scotland.

OONA BROOKS-HAY (Glasgow) was awarded a £19,800 Impact Acceleration Account (£19,800) for a project (Justice Journeys: Informing policy and practice through lived experience).

RICHARD SPARKS was commissioned by the ESRC to scope the future of Criminological Research.

ANNA SOUHAMI (Stirling) was appointed member of the Expert Reference Group for Police Scotland Local Approaches to Policing strategy.

CARA JARDINE (Strathclyde) was awarded a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship for her project Corners of Community: Exploring the role of the “outside” in prison life.

MERCILE BURMAN was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

SUSAN McVIE (Edinburgh) and colleagues from the Universities of Edinburgh, Sheffield and Manchester Metropolitan were successful in winning an ESRC Large Grant of £2.5m to conduct a three-year programme of research on Understanding Inequalities. A core element of the research will be crime inequalities, both at an individual and a community level.

LAURA PIACENTINI (Strathclyde) was awarded a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship for her project Corners of Community: Exploring the role of the “outside” in prison life.

Michele Burman was awarded a £575k MRC grant to conduct research on human trafficking: ‘Identifying the presence of children and young people who have been trafficked and establish their routes to arrival.’ This was a joint bid from SCCJR and the Centre for Child Protection and Well-being.

In partnership with Ipsos MORI Scotland colleagues, HANNAH GRAHAM, MARGARET MALLOCH and GILL MCIVOR (all Stirling) were awarded Scottish Government Justice funding to conduct a review of the Aberdeen court problem-solving approach. This problem-solving approach uses dedicated court staff and inter-agency community justice partnerships to work with women and men with complex needs and prolific offence histories.
Events

Collaboration and partnership are at the heart of the Centre’s work. Bringing the criminal justice community together to discuss, learn and engage is an essential part of furthering our understanding of crime and justice in Scotland and beyond. Here are some of the notable events we organised in 2017/18.

OCTOBER 2017 SCCJR 2017 Annual Lecture by Professor Tracey Meares (Yale University) ‘Thinking Through the “Public” in Public Legitimacy’

Professor Meares crafted a complex, nuanced and compelling argument synthesising a diverse range of criminological work on both sides of the Atlantic to address one of the central concerns of contemporary American criminal justice: how to improve police legitimacy and public trust.

OCTOBER 2017 Conversations about Justice

The event held in Glasgow’s Pearce Institute was jointly organised by Margaret Malloch and Bill Munro (Stirling), building on their British Academy work with colleagues from Abertay University and Galgael. The day’s discussions focused on questions around what justice means to you and how can we enhance it in Scotland today?

JANUARY 2018 Professor David Garland Lecture and Workshops

Professor Garland (New York University and Professorial Fellow in Criminology at the University of Edinburgh) provided a two-week series of workshops on Foucault, mass incarceration and the work of theory for all SCCJR PhD students.

FEBRUARY 2018 Policing at the Periphery: Understanding Police Work in the Remote Northern Islands of Scotland

Anna Souhami (Edinburgh) discussed themes emerging from her ethnographic study of the remote Scottish islands on policing and social control as part of the Centre for Law and Society Seminar Series which took place at the University of Edinburgh.

FEBRUARY 2018 Employment and Employability in Scotland’s Prisons: Working for Change?

Laura Piacentini, Beth Weaver and Cara Jardine (Strathclyde) brought together experts, academics across SCCJR and prisoners to discuss penal policy, employment law and business to consider the kinds of legislative and policy reform that can better enable or encourage the intended or hoped for outcomes underpinning work in prisons in Scotland.

FEBRUARY 2018 Cybercrime Roundtable

The Edinburgh Law School in partnership with the SCCJR held a roundtable discussion organised by Anna Souhami (Edinburgh) to showcase cutting edge research in the field of cybercrime and its control and to bring together scholars and practitioners. The event finished with a plenary talk by Diarmid Harkin (Deakin University, Australia) about his work with specialist police cybercrime units.

APRIL 2018 Distant Voices Album Launch: ‘Not Known At This Address’

The album launch was part of the Distant Voices project, an ESRC/AHRC/SPS funded project that unites some of Scotland’s most high-profile songwriters with differently situated co-writers from across the criminal justice system. The album simultaneously expresses and challenges social attitudes to crime, justice and reintegration.

MAY 2018 Working with Women and Girls: Experiences of Vicarious Trauma

This event at Glasgow’s Lighthouse presented findings from research funded by the Wellcome Trust on the experiences and views of those working with criminal justice involved women and girls. The event offered an opportunity to hear about the research by Professor Michele Burman and Annie Crowley (Glasgow) and Professor Robin Robinson (University of Massachusetts Dartmouth), and to contribute to discussions regarding the policy and practice implications of vicarious traumatisation among those who work with women and girls.

JUNE 2018 Scottish Prisons Commission: 10 Years On

The SCCJR hosted a conference in Glasgow marking 10 years since the Scottish Prisons Commission produced its report, Scotland’s Choice. Former Commissioners, senior members of Government, the Scottish Prison Service, Community Justice Scotland, Howard League Scotland as well as academics reviewed, reflected on and debated how much progress has been made to reduce Scotland’s prison population. International perspective was offered by Professor Bruce Western (Columbia University) who discussed penal reform in the context of his recent book, Homeward: Life in the Year after Prison.

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Review of the Aberdeen Problem-Solving Approach

Lorraine Murray and Jane Eunson (Ipsos MORI Scotland) and Hannah Graham, Margaret Malloch and Gill McIvor (University of Stirling) Scottish Government (August 2017 – September 2018)

The Aberdeen Problem-Solving Approach (PSA) is based in the Aberdeen Sheriff Court, involving court and community justice partnerships in collaboration with health and third sector services. While some specialist courts focus on a particular type of crime or problem, such as domestic abuse or drug use, the Aberdeen PSA is the first of its kind in Scotland to specialise in women and young adult men with multiple complex needs and a history of frequent low-level offending.

Instead of being sent to prison, participants are given a structured deferred sentence while they engage intensively with criminal justice social workers and support workers to address the underlying problems and circumstances linked to their offending and access supports for desistance. They return to court regularly to have their progress reviewed by a Sheriff, who provides praise, warnings and encouragement as appropriate.

This review involved mixed methods: interviews and focus groups with a range of practitioners, interviews with participants with convictions, court observation, and secondary data analysis of routinely collected monitoring data. We also drew upon international therapeutic jurisprudence literature. Our research report was launched by the Scottish Government at an interdisciplinary event for policymakers and practitioners in Edinburgh on 5th September 2018.

This problem-solving approach process can bring all outstanding charges together to be dealt with at one point, which both professionals and PSA participants saw as an important feature of the process. With all cases rolled together, the participant could be admonished in relation to some of the charges to recognise and reward compliance.

Our review found the Aberdeen problem-solving approach is working well, its emerging outcomes are promising and other parts of Scotland should consider following its lead and consider setting up a specialist problem-solving approach. The report highlights the positive outcomes reported by participants - and confirmed by professionals - including reductions in reoffending and substance use, and improvements in mental health and wellbeing, social skills and relationships, and housing situations.

Human Rights and Democratic Policing

Andy Aydin-Altschinson (University of Edinburgh), Ceren Mermutluoglu (MEF University, Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey) (2018-2019)

The project is based around setting out the relationship between theories and concepts of democratic policing (particularly policing for democracy and democratically policing, after Altschinson and Blaustein, 2013) and Human Rights, as interpreted through the frame of the European Convention on Human Rights and corresponding European Court of Human Rights judgments. The work extends on analysis undertaken by Aydin-Altschinson for the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Opinion on the Draft Law on Police of Serbia (GEN-SRB/275/2015 [AIC]) and by Mermutluoglu in her LLM Dissertation Effectiveness of European Human Rights Standards in Policing: the Case of Turkey (University of Edinburgh, 2015).

We are producing a paper in which we examine the relationship between democratic policing and human rights, using a two-step approach. The first phase involves a conceptual mapping of dimensions of democratic policing on to the articles of the European Convention of Human Rights. The second (and current) phase, involves a reading of the corresponding jurisprudence to explore the extent to which conceptual mapping is borne out in policing arrangements and in court decisions.

The research adopts a two level concept of democratic policing. The first level, policing for democracy, relates to the way in which policing protects the wider democratic environment; the second, democratically responsive policing, focuses more closely on the governance of the police themselves. The emerging argument is that careful attention to these principles during drafting and implementation of police legislation, and robust enforcement of the convention, enhance both forms of democratic policing. Further, a strong institutional framework for Human Rights is a key part of a framework of horizontal responsiveness which contributes to democratic governance of police institutions.

The work aims to make two main contributions. The first is the stronger conceptual linkage of two areas of police scholarship cutting across the fields of public policy and law. The second, and more practically oriented aim, is to create a useful resource for policy makers, legislators and practitioners involved in designing and evaluating police legislation within frameworks of international commitments. The authors would like to expand on the work by using it as a foundation for assessments of individual countries’ policing arrangements.

Right to Health in Prison

Laura Piacentini (University of Strathclyde) Arts and Humanities Research Council & Medical Research Council (2018-2020)

Laura Piacentini is Co-Investigator of this project, and Professor Sally Haw (Chair in Public Health at the University of Stirling) is Principal Investigator and the other Co-Investigators are: Dr Fernando Fernandez (Social Work and Community Education, Dundee University), Dr Alenka Jelen Sanchez, Communications, Nedia and Culture, Stirling University), Professor Gavin Little (Law, Stirling University), Professor Rowan Cruft (Philosophy, Stirling) and Aruan Braga and Rute Duarte (The Instituto Maria e João Alevixo in Sao Paolo, Brazil).

There are three work packages in this study. Work Package 1: Media and Social Representations of
The history of the development of probation in Scotland shows how this penal expansion has been justified and legitimated. Here, a commitment to reducing imprisonment has been discursively interwoven with rehabilitation, reparation and managerialism at different times in the history of supervision. But I argue that the Scottish case is a salutary tale of ‘successful failure’, producing penal expansion even while pursuing penal reduction.

In the book’s final two chapters, I explore what can be done to restrain and reform mass supervision. I argue that we need to use new creative and sensory methods to change the nature and quality of civic and political dialogue about punishment, helping us to better imagine and re-imagine it. I conclude by suggesting that any project of challenging mass supervision requires at least three inter-related strategies: scaling down supervision, clarifying and circumscribing its legitimate purposes and role, and developing and delivering it constructively.

Offenders, Punishment and the Criminal Justice System in Brazil and Scotland. Work Package 2: Human Rights and Legal Provision. Work Package 3: Perspectives on Access to Healthcare. A variety of research methods will be used within and across the work packages including: content analysis of media coverage of prisons in both jurisdictions, a critical analysis of the legal provision for and the philosophical perspectives on the rights of young offenders to access and receive good quality healthcare in the Brazilian and Scottish prison and healthcare systems and interviews with policy elites, judicial figures, NGOs, stakeholder communities and organisations supporting prisoners in both jurisdictions.

The project will establish a sustainable international, trans-disciplinary and inter-sectoral research hub that brings together researchers, policy makers and practitioners working in the areas of global public health and human rights to address the health needs of prisoners in Scotland and Brazil. Laura will bring prison sociological expertise to the study and alongside colleagues mentioned, will develop a sustainable collaboration between Scotland and Brazil and develop a portfolio of research, evaluation and global participation on prisoner health issues that extend beyond the UK and Brazil.

Pervasive Punishment
Fergus McNeill, University of Glasgow
Leverhulme Trust Fellowship
(June 2017 – July 2018)

‘Mass supervision’ is an increasingly important but largely invisible form of punishment. The phenomenon has many dimensions, and in the book which is the output of this project, I focus on its scale and social distribution, how it has been legitimated, how it is experienced and what can be done about it. Using examples from the UK, the USA and Europe, I show that there have been huge increases in the scale of supervision concentrated within disadvantaged communities. The evidence suggests that those who are most disadvantaged are drawn deepest into the penal net.

The project also explores supervision as a lived experience, focusing on findings from two creative projects – Supervisible and Seen and Heard. These explored how supervisees chose to represent their experiences of supervision in pictures and in songs. As with a wider range of recent ethnographies of supervision, this work draws attention to the pervasiveness and painfulness of supervision. These pains can be moderated if supervision is experienced as legitimate, helpful and time-limited but, absent these three conditions, mass supervision develops ‘maloptical’ qualities, representing a form of pervasive penal control that disperses degradation and disqualification as much as discipline, diminishing its subjects’ civic standing and rights, and thus the state’s responsibilities to and liabilities for them.

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Our Projects

SCCJR researchers work across institutions and disciplines to carry out a wide range of research relating to all aspects of crime and justice.

Administrative Data Research Centre – Crime and Justice Research Strand
Susan McVie (University of Edinburgh)

AQMeN Data Science Training and Capacity Building
Susan McVie (University of Edinburgh)

Community Experiences of Organised Crime
Niall Hamilton-Smith, Andy Clark (University of Stirling), Alistair Fraser (University of Glasgow) and William Graham (Abertay University)

Co-producing Distances from Crime: The Role of Social Co-operative Structures of Employment
Beth Weaver (University of Strathclyde)

Distant Voices
Fergus McNeill (University of Glasgow), Oliver Escobar (University of Edinburgh), Jo Collinson Scott (University of the West of Scotland) and Voj Linnim

Employment and Employability in Scottish Prisons
Laura Piacentini, Beth Weaver, Cara Jardine (University of Strathclyde)

Evaluation of the CHOICE Pilot
Sarah Armstrong (University of Glasgow)
Oona Brooks-Hay, Michele Burman, Lisa Bradley (University of Glasgow)

Experience of Domestic Violence and Help-Seeking
Sarah MacQueen (University of Edinburgh)

Experiences and Effects of Vicarious Traumatisation on Those Who Work with Troubled Young Women and Girls
Michele Burman, Annie Crawley (University of Glasgow) and Robin Robinson (University of Massachusetts Dartmouth)

Family Justice: Exploring experiences and challenges across criminal and civil legal processes
Jane Mair and Michele Burman (University of Edinburgh)

Identifying the presence of children and young people who have been trafficked and establish their routes to arrival
Margarit Malloch and Paul Rigby (University of Stirling) with the Centre for Child Protection and Wellbeing

Justice Journeys: Informing policy and practice through research and exhibition of sexual assault survivors’ lived journeys through criminal legal processes
Oona Brooks-Hay and Michele Burman (University of Glasgow)

Measuring Justice: Defining Concepts, Developing Practice
Sarah Armstrong (University of Glasgow) and Beth Weaver (University of Strathclyde), Trish McCulloch (University of Dundee)

Partners in scrutiny: investigating local policing arrangements in Scotland
Alistair Henry, Andy Aydin-Atchison and Ali Malik (University of Edinburgh)

Pervasive Punishment: The Shadow of Penal Supervision
Leverhulme Trust Mid-Career Fellowship
Fergus McNeill (University of Glasgow)

Phase 2 Evaluation of the Women’s Centre Programme
Beth Weaver, Claire Lightowler and Fern Gibson (University of Strathclyde)

Policing at the Periphery: Ethnography of policing and social control in remote islands
Anna Southam (University of Edinburgh)

Policing, Democracy and Human Rights
Andy Aydin-Atchison (University of Edinburgh)

Reimagining Crime and Justice at the People’s Palace:
Employing SCCJR research to inform how Glasgow museums present crime and justice issues
Alistair Fraser, Alejandro Rubin Amal (University of Glasgow)

Review of the Aberdeen court-based problem-solving approach and collaborative partnerships in community justice
Hannah Graham, Margaret Malloch and Gill Molvor (University of Stirling)

Scoping a Criminological Research Agenda for ESRC
Richard Sparks (University of Edinburgh)

Security and Everyday Life in an English Town
Richard Sparks (University of Edinburgh)

Sentenced Lives Followup: continued engagement with a research cohort about the meaning and impact of sentences
Marguerite Schinkel (University of Glasgow)

Surveying Prison Education across Europe
Sarah Armstrong (University of Glasgow) and James Reilly (Open University)

The Dynamics of Co-Offending in Scotland: An Initial Study
Alistair Fraser (University of Glasgow), Beth Weaver (University of Strathclyde) and Sarah Anderson (University of the West of Scotland)

The Right to Health in Brazilian & Scottish Prisons
Laura Piacentini (University of Strathclyde) along with colleagues from the Universities of Stirling and Dundee.

The Suppressed History of Small and Specialist Prison Units
Richard Sparks (University of Edinburgh)

Understanding Inequalities
Lesley McKee and Susan McVie (University of Edinburgh)

User Engagement: A pan-Ayrshire project. South West Scotland
Beth Weaver, Claire Lightowler, Kristina Moodie (University of Strathclyde)
Communicating, Engaging and Collaborating

We regularly provide updates on our latest research findings, activities and projects through a variety of channels including our website, bulletins, blogs, twitter, press coverage and consultation responses.

Fergus McNeill (Glasgow) gave oral evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Equalities and Human Rights Committee on prisoner voting in Scotland, September 2017.

Hannah Graham (Stirling) responded to the Scottish Government's consultation on Electoral Reform in March 2018 and specifically on the issue of prisoner voting. You can read the full response on the Scottish Government consultation website.

SCCJR colleagues also provided a response to the Scottish Parliament's Justice Committee's call for evidence on the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill. Written evidence was supplied by Hannah Graham (Stirling) and Beth Weaver (Strathclyde) and can be viewed on our website and Hannah gave oral evidence to the committee in May which you can still watch on YouTube.

The SCCJR worked with the Koestler Trust on its 100 Years On: An Art Trail by Women in Prison which commemorated the centenary of women's suffrage. We displayed 'Turmoil' (Kibble Safe Centre) in our offices at Ivy Lodge, Gibson Street, Glasgow.

One of the most high-profile media stories of the last year came from research carried out by Niall Hamilton-Smith (Stirling) and Alistair Fraser (Glasgow) on community experiences of serious organised crime. The research received widespread media coverage with The Herald carrying it as their front-page and BBC Scotland featuring it as their top news story throughout the day. It was also carried in the Daily Mail, The i, Scotsman, Times, Press & Journal and Courier.

Alistair Fraser (Glasgow) also featured in a number of discussions as part of BBC Radio 3's Free Thinking Festival. Alistair took part in a debate on 'Gangs: The Usual Suspects' with journalist Symeon Brown, James Docherty of Scotland's Violent Reduction Unit and presenter Matthew Sweet. You can still catch the programme on the BBC Player.

Kath Murray (Edinburgh) was referenced in a number of articles carried in Scottish newspapers in relation to her work on the merger of British Transport Police. She provided a number of comment articles including one for the Herald on 'The British Transport Police’s merger standoff threatens constitutional crisis for the Scottish Police Authority'.

The Scottish Government’s announcement that they will fund a new research project that will be carried out by Oona Brooks-Hay, Michele Burman and Lisa Bradley (all Glasgow) attracted high profile media coverage. The research will look at the experiences of rape and sexual assault victim-survivors and will help ensure the interests of victims are at the heart of the criminal justice system.

Distant Voices, a research project that develops songwriting in Scottish prisons as an innovative way of exploring and enhancing rehabilitation and justice, launched its debut album at the end of May. Fergus McNeill (Glasgow) who leads on the project was quoted about the launch in the Sun newspaper.
International Engagement

We are developing partnerships and collaborative links with universities around the world. The SCCJR’s international links allow staff and students to participate in and contribute to building knowledge and debate in criminology globally.

This year we formalised partnerships with the Universities of Toronto, Oslo, Hong Kong as well as Queensland University of Technology and the University of Leuven which connects us to some of the most outstanding research centres in the world.

We also launched an international mobility fund to support these partnerships through inward and outward mobility. The following staff and students were awarded a mobility grant in 2017-18:

- Shane Horgan (Edinburgh) to visit the University of Oslo
- Sarah Anderson (Glasgow) to visit the University of Toronto
- Luis Reyes (Edinburgh) to visit the University of Leuven
- Louise Brangan (Edinburgh) to visit the University of Hong Kong
- Matthew Light (University of Toronto) to visit the University of Glasgow

Visitors

In 2017-18 we hosted the following international visitors:

Professor Matt Light (University of Toronto) was hosted at University of Glasgow during June 2018. Prof Light gave a talk at Glasglow on ‘Gaps in Post-Soviet Police Reform: the Case of Georgia’ and a seminar on his work at Strathclyde University. He also met with staff and students in the Centre in further development of our international partnership with Toronto’s Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies.

Professor Esther Zapater, Dean of Law School at the Autonomous University of Barcelona visited the University of Stirling to discuss her work around trafficking, EU legislation and the disjoint between service provision and needs.

PhD Snapshots

We are pleased to showcase the cutting edge work currently being carried out by our PhD students.

Perceptions of Prison Officers on their role and training in the rehabilitation and desistance support for prisoners.

Jo Bailey-Noblett
UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE
SUPERVISORS: Laura Piacentini and Neil Hutton

My research explored the role and training of Prison Officers in the rehabilitation and desistance support for prisoners. A particular focus was how they are trained for this aspect of their job and how it is integrated into the prison regime. The research was undertaken through a case study prison using a qualitative ethnographical methodology, combining an Appreciative Inquiry approach to focus groups and interviews alongside the use of video recording to enhance the observation of the focus groups and initial training of new recruits to the prison service.

My interest in this area arose from my prior experience at Career Scotland (now Skills Development Scotland) when I was seconded to the Scottish Government to undertake research on the Learning, Skills and Employability programmes delivered ‘in custody’ which culminated in the report ‘Options for Improvement’. After the report I was invited to support the HMP Barlinnie Employment Services team to develop a pre-release employability programme for short term prisoners during which I trained prison officers to identify people’s skills, write CVs, to highlight the benefits of job seeking in the hidden job market and to undertake mock interviews and provide feedback. That is when I learned and began to appreciate that prison officers, if provided with training that was relevant and pertinent to rehabilitation, they are more prepared and able to fulfil a more supportive role. The conclusions of my thesis argue for improved intercommunication between residential teams and rehabilitation teams, training that teaches new skills alongside the perceived conditioning to react to particular stimuli, that focuses on the realities and dichotomies of the job (between security and rehabilitation), expansion and development of residential wing activities that concentrate on desistance, resilience and self-efficacy. It is also argues that the architectural design of the prison creates visible and invisible divides that inhibit the reinforcing and accentuation of the positives and possibilities of what is achievable for staff and prisoners to create a co-constructive, optimistic desistance journey in a carceral environment. If Governments and Prison Services want to achieve a more significant reduction in recidivism of those sent to custody, investment in the right type of training is a necessity.

Migration, Illegality, and Social Harm: An Italian Case Study

Francesca Soliman
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
SUPERVISORS: Andy Aydin-Alitchison and Tobias Lock
FUNDING SOURCE: ESRC

My PhD research seeks to expand the current debate on crimigration by examining the impact of pooled sovereignty and overlapping state and regional migration control powers within the European Union. In particular, I look at the EU’s southern border and the effects of increasingly harsh migration control policies on unauthorised sea migration from North Africa to Italy via the Central Mediterranean route. Here EU member states’
Preventing Youth Crime in Scotland: The Practices of Early Intervention and Diversion under ‘Whole System Approach’ Implementation

Nicola Benbow
UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING
SUPERVISORS: Margaret Malloch and Niall Hamilton-Smith
FUNDING SOURCE: Co-funded by the Scottish Government and ESRC

The overarching aim of my research is to explore the strategies of early intervention and diversion which have emerged under the ‘Whole System Approach’ (WSA) in the pursuit of preventing offending behaviour amongst children and young people. The main intention of this project is to explore the manifestation of early interventionist and diversionary rationales and to consider how they have been conceptualised and enacted through WSA implementation. The nature of inquiry was qualitative, whereby the fieldwork mainly involved forty-two interviews accompanied by observations of meetings and events across three local authorities.

The research found that the WSA has brought about a renewed emphasis upon many progressive ideals in youth justice policy and practice, particularly in relation to the prevention of entry into formal systems, representing a welcome and different initiative which marks a break in comparison to the more punitive policies that have preceded it. However, when thinking about the overall ‘approach’ of the WSA it leads to some observations about the consequences of its eclectic nature. There are numerous discourses, strategies and projects contained in the WSA and yet it is often presented as one singular, cohesive approach. In particular the research explores the opposing discourses of ‘minimum intervention’ and ‘early intervention’ which are simultaneously promoted through the WSA, which reflect an internal dissonance because these strategies derive from very different schools of thought, and advocate very different styles of ‘doing justice.’ This can be most clearly seen the context of Pre-Referral Screening, whereby in the absence of a singular coherent philosophy, localities have considerable autonomy in deciding which rationales to prioritise leading to very different manifestations of early interventionist practice with children and young people. Whilst it is important to recognise that there has been a convergence, mainly in that the WSA has brought about a renewed focus on diverting children and young people away from formal systems, there are also areas of considerable difference. This body of work is particularly revealing of the ways in which diversionary and early interventionist practices are being applied locally through an exploration of the differing and opposing underpinning rationales in place, bringing key insights for both academic and professional knowledge.

Doing Justice? Understanding Sheriffs’ Sentencing Practices

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My research aims to provide empirical data for improving our understanding of the practice, culture and identity of Sheriffs in their sentencing role to better inform public understanding of, and debate about, sentencing practices. This research aims to understand the rationales behind the Sheriffs’ sentencing practice and, through this exploration, to examine how Sheriffs currently understand their role as sentencers.

I negotiated access to the Scottish Judiciary to talk with Sheriffs about their sentencing practice and observed them during sentencing diets. I interviewed, observed and shadowed 16 Sheriffs in office in 14 different Sheriff Courts throughout Scotland. The observation entailed shadowing the Sheriffs during remand court. By the end of my fieldwork, I had observed Sheriffs presiding over more than 400 cases.

One of my key findings was the confirmation of the perception that different Sheriffs have distinctive sentencing styles. However, I also found that there were structural legal and non-legal factors that partially explained those differences. Critically, my findings stress how the Sheriffs’ practices are shaped by the local realities in which they practice. This contextualization of the realities of sentencing practices allowed me to explore how the different social, economic and geographical differences impacted the Sheriffs’ decision-making.

Furthermore, through the observation of the Sheriffs in court and their chambers, I was able to describe the routines behind sentencing practices. This allowed me to explore at which stages of these routines the Sheriffs’ decision-making begins to differ from one another. The unique level of access granted allowed me to discuss individual cases with the Sheriffs before the beginning of the remand court, observing the sentencing diet and then talking about the disposal of the case afterwards. This granted the ability to explore the different aspects of their sentencing process and examine whether what they heard at the hearing changed their minds and why. As a consequence, I explored with the Sheriffs in which cases and why they use custodial sentences, community sentences, fines and admonitions (which altogether account for 98% of all the disposals imposed annually). My research took place at an immensely interesting time as new criminal sentences (such as the Community Payback Order) were beginning to make their mark, and as Scotland debated creating a presumption against use of short custodial sentences. The findings of my work will offer a unique perspective into how Sheriffs go about their work and make their decisions, providing an important insight into Scotland’s approach to punishment.
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