



SCCJR Bulletin: MAY 2019

People

Warmest congratulations to **Kirsty Deacon** (Glasgow) who successfully defended her thesis on young people's experiences of the imprisonment of a family member.

Congratulations to our colleague **Laura Piacentini** (Strathclyde) who will be joining the Advisory Board of the Centre for Criminology at the University of Oxford in June 2019.



In honour of the 90th anniversary of criminology in Leuven, the KU Leuven Faculty of Law conferred an honorary doctorate on Professor **Richards Sparks** (Edinburgh) on 25 April. We wish him our sincere congratulations on this prestigious award.

And finally, **Konstantinos Gaitis** (Edinburgh) has won the 2019 three-minute thesis competition at the School of Law of the University of Edinburgh, which took place on the 17th of April 2019 and have progressed to the College of Humanities level of the competition. His thesis is titled, "How is human trafficking regulated in the UK: A

critical assessment of the UK's response to trafficking based on victim's narratives and professional perspectives".

Save the Date

The SCCJR Annual Conference and Lecture will take place at the University of Stirling on **Thursday 3 October**.

We are delighted to be able to announce that Professor Edward Kleemans from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam will be our keynote speaker for this year's event. His presentation is provisionally titled; 'Criminal Careers and Transitions in Organised Crime and Cybercrime'.

We will be in touch about how to register for the lecture and conference nearer the time. In the meantime please save the date in your calendar.

Events

6-17 May: Professor David Garland Workshop Programme

Edinburgh Law School, the Centre for Law and Society and SCCJR are delighted to be hosting a seminar series by Professor David Garland, widely considered one of the world's leading sociologists of crime and punishment. Professor Garland is Arthur T. Vanderbilt Professor of Law and Professor of Sociology at New York University, and Professorial Fellow in Criminology at the School of Law at the University of Edinburgh.

Please [see the various workshops](#) and seminars Prof Garland will be holding in May. Please ensure you have registered for each event via the Eventbrite link.

PhD students will be able to have their travel costs reimbursed for up to two workshops.

10 May: Join us for the launch of **Marguerite Schinkel** (Glasgow) and Morag Kewell's graphic novel, *A Life in Pieces*, which follows the story of 'Alison' as she experiences a number of traumatic events and is repeatedly imprisoned for drug and alcohol related offences. 7pm-9pm at Glasgow CCA. For more

information please [visit our website.](#)

23 May to 26 July: PEEP Perspectives from the Edges of Exclusion and Punishment.

Cara Jardine (Strathclyde) and Louise Brangan (Stirling) are launching a new research network for ECRs with an interest in punishment. There is an open call for abstracts for three half-day workshops to be held this summer where ECRs can refine and advance work-in-progress, such as articles, book chapters, book proposals etc. For more information on how to submit an abstract and when the workshops will take place [please visit our website.](#)

13-14 June: The 4th Annual Ethnographies of Crime and Control Symposium will take place at the Pearce Institute, Govan, Glasgow. A call for abstracts is currently underway and has now been [extended](#) until Friday 10 May with more information available [here](#).

Presentations & Meetings

Upcoming

Laura Piacentini (Strathclyde) will be in Brazil early May to conduct fieldwork with the team from the [Right to Health project](#), which examines the comparative context of punishment of young people in Brazilian and Scottish Prisons and the right to health services, health care and health support, funded by the AHRC and MRC.

Susan Batchelor (Glasgow) will be presenting a paper at the BSA Postgraduate Forum girlhood theory event at the University of Glasgow on 14 May. Her paper is on Resisting Girlhood? Theorizing Young Women's Violence.

Phil Thomas (Glasgow) will be presenting a paper entitled 'On the Roof of the Prison with Fist Raised to the Sky: Resisting Enforced Narratives of Crime and Punishment' at Confronting the 'Violence of the Archive': Crime, Punishment and the Modern State, 22 May, at Oxford Brookes University.

Cara Jardine (Strathclyde) will be presenting at the [Howard League Scotland 40th Anniversary Conference](#), 22 May, at the University of Edinburgh. Her paper, Rip it up and start again: Challenging the cult of the individual in criminal justice, will consider what should shape the direction of travel for the Scottish criminal justice system over the next four decades. It will argue that there is a need for the justice system to look beyond individuals, and pay greater attention to the harms created to families and communities through punishment and other criminal justice interventions.

Past

Andy Aydın-Aitchison (Edinburgh) undertook an Erasmus+ teaching mobility visit to MEF University in Istanbul, 15-19 April. MEF is a young, progressive university with a focus on 'Flipped' learning. During the week, Andy met with Legal English classes to discuss human rights in prisons and the work of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He introduced Law students to Criminal Law in Scotland, discussing differences between Turkey and Scotland around codification and lay participation. The week was rounded off with a research presentation with co-author Ceren Mermutluğolu on their work in progress on police, democracy and human rights.



Phil Thomas (Glasgow) presented a paper entitled 'Making Things Up? On creative writing as a research methodology' at the British Sociological Association's annual conference, 24 April at Glasgow Caledonian University

Susan Batchelor (Glasgow) and Justine Gangneux presented their paper, 'A Time of One's Own? Young people's use of social media platforms in the context of neoliberal governmentality', at the British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Glasgow Caledonian University 24 April.

Publications

Fraser, A (2019) 'The Gang's All Queer: The Lives of Gay Gang Members Surviving Gangs, Violence and Racism in Cape Town: Ghetto Chameleons Mano Dura: The Politics of Gang Control in El Salvador' published in the British Journal of Criminology, available here: <https://academic-oup-com.ezproxy.lib.gla.ac.uk/bjc/advance-article/doi/10.1093/bjc/azz014/5420738>

Scottish Government Updates

The monthly Safer Communities and Justice Brief for April 2019 is [available here](#).



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