



SCCJR Bulletin: SEPTEMBER 2019

SCCJR Annual Lecture & Conference 2019



We are delighted to welcome Prof. Dr. Edward Kleemans (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) to present this year's Annual Lecture in Stirling on Thursday 3 October.

The lecture, '**Criminal careers and transitions in organised crime and cybercrime. The curious case of adult onset and other counter-intuitive findings on criminal careers**' will take place at the Iris Murdoch Conference Suite at the University of Stirling at 5.30-7pm. Please

register for this free event via our [Eventbrite page](#).

The lecture comes at the end of the SCCJR half-day conference where we will discuss the following themes;

- Paradox of Justice: Challenges for Criminology
- Is a distinctive Scottish justice possible?
- Roundtable discussion: What distinctive themes and issues emerge? Hopes or visions for the future?

There will be an informal SCCJR PhD gathering at 11am on the day followed by registration (11.30) and lunch (12.00-12.45) with the first session kicking off at 1pm.

Our conference is often very well attended so we encourage everyone who wants to come to please register by emailing enquiries@sccjr.ac.uk to secure your place. We will be in touch with a full programme shortly.

People

Congratulations to our three successful doctoral students who have recently submitted their theses.

Nicola Benbow (Stirling) Preventing Youth Crime in Scotland: The Practices of Early Intervention and Diversion under 'Whole System Approach' Implementation (Supervisors: Margaret Malloch and Niall Hamilton-Smith).

Cecep Mustafa (Stirling) Judicial Perspectives on the Sentencing of Minor Drug Offenders in Indonesia (Supervisors: Margaret Malloch and Niall Hamilton-Smith)

Dave Morran (Stirling): An exploration of neglected themes in the development of domestic violence perpetrator programmes in the UK (Supervisors: Margaret Malloch and Ian McIntosh)

We wish them all the very best in their future careers - congratulations.

SCCJR will also be welcoming our incoming PhD students later this month, including the first

class funded by the GU/EU joint initiative.

Amy Cullen - The meaning and impact of fiscal fines on women offenders in Scotland.(Glasgow)

John McGhee - Do Prisons Kill? (joint between Glasgow (lead) and Edinburgh)

Nicola Ceesay - Exploring OLRs (joint between Glasgow (lead) and Edinburgh)

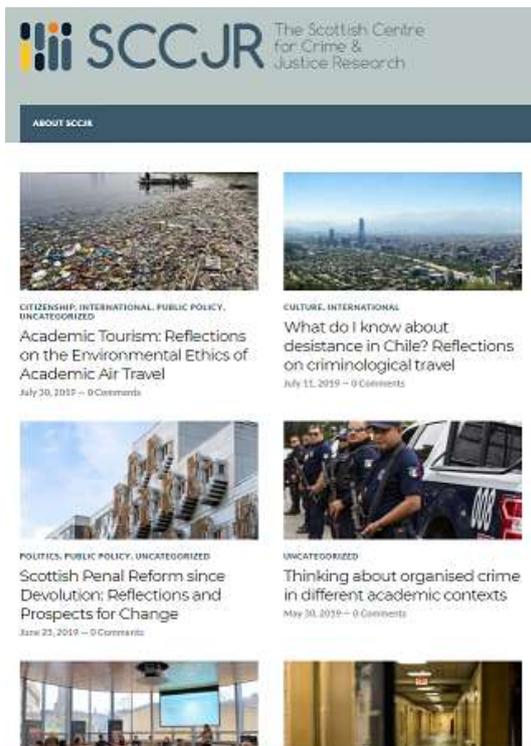
Martha O'Carroll – Mapping the Politics of Penal Reform (joint between Glasgow (lead) and Edinburgh)

Deborah Russo – Segregation in Prison (joint between Edinburgh (lead) and Glasgow)

Andreea Mihut - Identity, Equity, and Communication in the Criminal Process: Investigating Language and Power in the Contemporary Scottish Courtroom (Edinburgh)

Ahmedul Kabir -Police Reform in the Emerging Democracy of Bangladesh: Readiness for Safeguarding Human Rights. (Edinburgh)

Richard Kjellgren - Online Technologies and the Sex Market: Patterns of Exploitation and Vulnerability (Stirling)



We are always on the lookout for new contributions to our [blog site](#).

The articles are usually around 800 words in length and written in a non-academic style that can be easily understood by a broad audience. The blog posts can be on just about anything; your thoughts on a new policy coming through Scottish Parliament, reflections from a recent trip you have taken, some new research you are presenting etc.

Please contact [Rachelle Cobain](#) if you would like to contribute.

Events

Many SCCJR staff and students will be heading to Ghent later this month for the ESC Annual Conference. Best wishes to (yes we are keeping an eye on the programme!): **Marguerite Schinkel, Louise Brangan, Hannah Graham, Sarah Anderson, Christine Weirich, Susan McVie, Michele Burman, Oona Brooks-Hay, Marguerite Schinkel, Andy Aydin-Aitchison, Kath Murray and Alistair Henry** in showcasing the amazing research and ideas made in Scotland.

A special mention of **Prof Lesley McAra** (Edinburgh), President Elect of the European Society of Criminology who will be taking up full duties in 2019-20.

Thanks to those who shared your exciting paper topics with us, including **Tia Simanovic** (Strathclyde) who will be presenting some very preliminary results of her study titled "Prisoners' Experiences of Bereavement Prior to and/or During Custody" as a part of the Social Control and Criminal Justice 5 panel.

Phil Crockett Thomas (Glasgow) will present 'A Hush to Destroy': prisoners' songs as problem solving devices' on behalf of the Distant Voices project at the event.

And **Julie Berg** (Glasgow) will be presenting two papers (both co-authored with Clifford Shearing), one is entitled 'Private Security's Accountabilities' for a panel on 'Plural Policing', and the other is entitled 'Plural Policing and Sustainable Development' for a panel on 'Contested Plural Policing: Perspectives from the South'.

Grants

Congratulations to **Emiline Smith** (Glasgow) winning a GCRF small grant for a project called 'Global synchronization and the illicit antiquities trade: understanding community crime prevention in post-earthquake Nepal and Myanmar'.

Presentations & Meetings

Upcoming

Fergus McNeill (Glasgow) will be giving the annual opening lecture for the Masters students at the University of Leiden Law School on 5th September. It's entitled 'Sensory Criminology for Senseless Times'.

Fergus will also be travelling to Sydney to deliver the annual lecture at the University of New South Wales Centre for Crime, Law and Justice in Sydney on 16th September which will be on 'Resisting Mass Supervision'. While in Australia Fergus will be giving the opening plenary address at the 4th World Probation Congress in Sydney on 18th September on 'Purposeful Probation: Credibility, Clarity and Coherence'.

On Monday 30 September **Fergus McNeill** will give the opening keynote at a conference on 'Working with violence in adults and youth' being organised by the Swinburne University of Technology Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science in Prato, Tuscany.

Dave Morran (Stirling) is speaking on 'Rejecting and retaining aspects of self: Constructing desistance from abuse as a 'masculine' endeavour' at the 3rd European Conference on Domestic Violence in Oslo on Tuesday 3rd September.

Hannah Graham (Stirling) will chair and speak at a Holyrood policy roundtable in Edinburgh on 27th November 2019 on rehabilitation, reintegration, and the future of Justice policy in Scotland.

In the Media

SCCJR received widespread media attention on its publication of Justice Journeys: Informing policy and practice through lived experiences of victim-survivors of rape and serious sexual assault by **Oona Brooks-Hay**, **Michele Burman** and **Lisa Bradley** (Glasgow). Oona was interviewed by a number of media outlets including [BBC Reporting Scotland](#), [STV News](#) and the [Herald](#).

Maria Fotopoulou (Stirling) was a co-signatory on a [letter](#) published in the Herald newspaper critiquing the Pause Intervention for women who use substances.

Hannah Graham (Stirling) was interviewed live on BBC Scotland's The Nine TV discussing Scottish prisoner reintegration, following the announcement that throughcare support services are being suspended because of overcrowded Scottish prisons and staffing pressures.

Hannah Graham (Stirling) and **Fergus McNeill** (Glasgow) wrote an [open letter](#) in response to a consultation on Liam Kerr MSP's proposal of a Whole Life Sentences Bill, and their letter and opposition to the proposal was reported in the [Times newspaper](#), [the National Newspaper](#) and [Scottish Legal News](#).

Publications

Atkinson, C., Brooke, . and **Yates, D.** (2019) 'Researching a Risky Business? The Use of Freedom of Information to Explore Counterterrorism Security at Museums in the United Kingdom'. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism Online*
access <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2019.1647682>

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Murray, K and Blackburn, L. (2019) Losing sight of women's rights: the unregulated introduction of gender self-identification as a case study of policy capture in Scotland. Online access <https://www.eupublishing.com/doi/full/10.3366/scot.2019.0284>

Schinkel, M. (2019). Rethinking Turning Points: Trajectories of Parenthood and Desistance. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, [published Online First]
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-019-00121-8>. Open Access.

Scottish Government Updates

The monthly Safer Communities and Justice Brief September 2019 is [available now](#).

The Scottish Government has also launched a consultation which asks if victims of all serious crimes - including human trafficking, domestic abuse and religiously aggravated offences - should be able to detail in court how they have been impacted physically, emotionally and financially by the crime. The victim statement consultation is [available here](#).



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