Welcome

Two years and a million years ago, we entered our first national lockdown, little knowing what lay ahead. As we grope for light at the end of the tunnel, we must look back at where we’ve travelled from, but also cast our gaze forward.

Over these past years it has been my great honour to act as Director of SCCJR. It has been a rollercoaster ride but I feel, somehow, that we are stronger in our collective identity, leaner in our operations, and more expansive in our range of activities than ever before. I am very proud of the work that has been done to grow our staff team – with a new Knowledge Exchange Officer, Finance Officer, and a regraded Communications Officer – and to protect and support our ECR community. A collective statement against precarity, and new cohort of Scottish Justice Fellows, will soon be issued.

Through these dark days I was continually blown away by the passion and vision of SCCJR colleagues. As a one recently commented, SCCJR offers ‘magical windows’ of time and creativity – the kind of ideas-driven work that we value most, but often find blocked out. It is this kind of collective endeavour that reminds me why we do what we do. And during these days we came together to tackle some of the most pressing issues of the day – be it providing support to colleagues and students, working with stretched communities, or turning our intellectual arsenal to understanding the human consequences of lockdowns for crime and justice.

The time has come, however, for fresh ideas. I am delighted to say that, from January 2023, Dr Julie Berg will take over as Director of SCCJR. Julie is a fantastic colleague and research dynamo who has led the international networks of SCCJR for the last two years. She will, I know, grow the Centre in ground-breaking new ways.

I look forward to hitching along for the new journey. I hope you do too.

Dr Alistair Fraser
SCCJR Director

Who we are and how we work

SCCJR operates with a single director (Alistair Fraser) supported by Associate Directors from each partner institution to carry out annual plans; this constitutes as the Management Committee and includes: Richard Sparks and Steve Kirkwood (Edinburgh), Fergus McNeill and Julie Berg (Glasgow), Niall Hamilton-Smith and Margaret Malloch (Stirling); and Laura Piacentini and Beth Weaver (Strathclyde) along with Cara Jardine (also Strathclyde) who represents Early Career Researchers on the Committee. The SCCJR Board of Governance includes Vice Principles or Deans of Research from the partner universities who review the work and plans of the centre and approve its expenditure plan.

The Centre is also supported by our Communications Officer Rachelle Cobain and Finance Officer Lynda Frazer.
As leading contributors to scholarly debate, SCCJR staff have been recognised in a number of ways by peers and professional bodies. These include appointments to positions within scholarly bodies, keynotes and talks to international audiences, and awards and prizes from prestigious societies.

**MICHELE BURMAN** (Glasgow) and **EMILINE SMITH** (Glasgow) were made Fellows of the Centre for Criminology at the University of Hong Kong.

**FERGUS MCNEILL** (Glasgow) was a plenary speaker at the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform.

**LAURA PIACENTINI** (Strathclyde) received a Teaching Excellence Award for her exceptional engagement with students.

**PHIL CROCKETT THOMAS** (Glasgow) successfully received funding for her ‘dream project’ after winning the Independent Scholar Fellowship Competition. Phil’s inventive project is called ‘Prison Break: Imagining Alternatives to Prison in the UK’.

**MILENA TRIPKOVIC** (Strathclyde) was nominated by the Edinburgh University Students’ Association ‘Teacher of the Year Award’.

**BETH WEAVER** (Strathclyde) gave keynote presentations at the Holyrood Insight Conference and Recruit with Conviction National Conference.

**ORENA BROOKS-HAY** (Glasgow) was awarded ‘most read article 2020’ by the Journal of Gender-Based Violence for ‘Domestic violence and abuse, coronavirus, and the media narrative’ (Williamson, E., Lombard, N. and Brooks-Hay, O., 2020).

**CARA JARDINE** (Strathclyde) delivered an online seminar for the Women, Crime and Justice Network.

**JUSTICE JOURNEYS: SURVIVOR STORIES** (Michele Burman, Oona Brooks-Hay and Lisa Bradley) was shortlisted for the University of Glasgow ‘Best Community or Public Engagement Initiative 2021’.

**JULIET BERG** (Glasgow) was an invited speaker at the University of New South Wales on successful and sustainable plural policing network.

**EMILINE SMITH** (Glasgow) was invited to give a lecture at Mount Saint Mary College, USA.

**THE SCOTLAND IN LOCKDOWN STUDY** (Sarah Armstrong, Oona Brooks-Hay, Michele Burman, Caitlin Gormley, Fergus McNeill, Naqsharani Mirza) was shortlisted for the University of Glasgow ‘Best Policy & Practice Collaboration 2021’.

**SUSAN MCVIE** (Edinburgh) was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

**LOUISE BRANGAN** was awarded the BSC Brian Williams Prize 2020 for her article ‘Civilizing Imprisonment: The Limits of Scottish Penal Exceptionalism’ and nominated for Best ECR award at the University of Stirling.

**OONA BROOKS-HAY** (Glasgow) was elected as Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

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Events

Between October 2020 and September 2021, we have continued our SCCJR Seminars online and launched two more event series including ‘Just About . . .’ which is a hybrid between podcast and live discussion and a new workshop series organised jointly between SCCJR and Universidad Nacionall Litoral in Argentina called ‘The Social Analysis of Penalty Across Boundaries.’

A total of 2,273 people registered to attend our online events.

OCTOBER 2020 SCCJR Seminar, Victoria Canning, University of Bristol. ‘Zemiology at the border: addressing asylum harms in Northern Europe.’


DECEMBER 2020 SCCJR Seminar, Biko Agozino, Virginia Tech. ‘Counter-Colonial Criminology: The Decolonization of Neo-Colonial Reason.’

JANUARY 2021 SCCJR Seminar, Kate Herrity, Bethany Schmidt, University of Cambridge and Jason Warr, De Montfort University. ‘Sensory Penalties: Exploring the senses in spaces of Punishment and Social Control.’

FEBRUARY 2021 SCCJR Seminar, Sophie Nakueira, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. ‘Policing through Documents.’ Sarah Armstrong, Michele Burman, Marguerite Schinkel, University of Glasgow. ‘Left Out and Locked Down: Rapid research findings on experiences of marginalised and excluded people during Covid-19 in Scotland.’

MARCH 2021 SCCJR Seminar, Thomas Ugelvik, University of Oslo. ‘The role of interpersonal trust in desistance processes.’ SCCJR Seminar, Clifford Shearing, Griffith University and the University of Cape Town. ‘Policing Dreams.’

APRIL 2021 SCCJR Seminar, Kerry Carrington, Queensland University of Technology. ‘Beyond Criminalising Gender Violence: Are women-centred police stations a viable alternative?’

MAY 2021 SCCJR Seminar, Ben Collier, University of Edinburgh and Daniel Thomas, University of Strathclyde. ‘Influence government: Targeted advertising in PREVENT, criminal justice and beyond.’

JUNE 2021 ‘Just About . . . Gypsy, Roma and Traveller People and Criminal Justice’ with Chelsea McDonagh, researcher and co-creator of Rombelong, Coretta Phillips, LSE and Colin Clark, University of the West of Scotland.

AUGUST 2021 ‘Just About . . . Covid and Criminal Justice’ with Natalie Logan Maclean and Kevin Coyne SISCO (Sustainable Interventions Supporting Change Outside), Kevin Coyne and Marguerite Schinkel, University of Glasgow.

SEPTEMBER 2021 Social Analysis of Penalty Across Boundaries Workshop with Lisa Miller, Rutgers University. ‘American Exceptionalism or Exceptionalism of the Americas?’

Many of our seminars and workshops were recorded and are available to watch again on our website.

www.sccjr.ac.uk/resources/videos/
Our Research Projects

Community supervision, reintegration and employment: understanding the labour market exclusion of criminalised people in Scotland
Beth Weaver and Cara Jardine (University of Strathclyde)

Corners of Community: Exploring the Role of the Outside in Prison Life
Cara Jardine (University of Strathclyde)

Distant Voices
Fergus McNeill (University of Glasgow), Oliver Escobar (University of Edinburgh), Jo Collins Scott (University of the West of Scotland) and Vox Liminis

Deepening community research partnerships and impact following the Scotland in Lockdown study
Caitlin Gormley, Nughmana Mirza, Philippa Wiseman (University of Glasgow)

Developing Penal Reform
Marguerite Schinkel (University of Glasgow)

Diversifying Justice: Revealing viable pathways for South Asian women
Lisa Bradley and Nughmana Mirza (University of Glasgow)

Emotions and Fieldwork: Locating, articulating, navigating and doing emotions in the field
Lisa Bradley and Nughmana Mirza (University of Glasgow)

Health and social impacts of Covid-19 in Scotland
Sarah Armstrong, Fergus McNeill, Nughmana Mirza and 12 other research staff from the University of Glasgow

“The here be the takeaway”: a podcast for Barlinnie Prison
Sarah Armstrong, Yemen Sliper, Caitlin Gormley, Marguerite Schinkel (University of Glasgow)

In the Gulag’s Shadow: Producing, Consuming and Perceiving Prisons in the former Soviet Union
Laura Armstrong, Yvonne Skipper, Caitlin Gormley, Fergus McNeill, Nughmana Mirza (University of Glasgow)

Kitchen Life: Towards Clean Cooking Services in Bangladesh and Malawi
Lisa Bradley (University of Glasgow) and colleagues at universities in Bangladesh and Malawi

Multi-Disciplinary Innovation for Social Change (SHINE)
Beth Weaver (University of Strathclyde) and representatives from 37 countries

New Research and Teaching Pathways in the Digital Age:
Addressing Challenges and Opportunities for Criminologists and Sociologists During Covid-19
Emeline Smith, Julie Berg (University of Glasgow) and Katie Lowe (University of Hong Kong)

Paper Cuts: Bureaucracy, Prisons and Violence
Sarah Armstrong (University of Glasgow)

Policing the Pandemic: The Role of Enforcement in Securing Compliance with the Coronavirus Regulations
Susan McVie, Ben Matthews, Kath Murray (University of Edinburgh)

Responding to the needs of ‘at risk’ young women in Scotland
Annie Crowley (University of Stirling)

The History of Restorative Justice
Steve Kirkwood (University of Edinburgh)

Understanding Inequalities
Susan McVie (University of Edinburgh) and partners across several universities

Understanding Repeat Violence Victimisation in Scotland: A qualitative approach
Susan Batchelor, Caitlin Gormley and Marguerite Schinkel (University of Glasgow)

What Worked: Youth Violence and the Public Health Approach to Youth Violence
Alistair Fraser (University of Strathclyde), Keir Iwan-Rogers (Open University), Susan McVie (University of Edinburgh), Tim Newton (LSE)

Communicating, Engaging and Collaborating

Staff and students from SCCJR are regular commentators on issues affecting crime and justice and make frequent contributions to media and political debate.

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Civic Engagement

- Nina Vaswani and Beth Weaver (Strathclyde) and colleagues are producing a project called Designing Socially Just Institutions for 18-25 Year Olds for the Scottish Universities Insights Institute, involving a series of activities engaging young adults, drawing on design-led approaches.
- Steve Kirkwood, Rania Hamad (Edinburgh) and colleagues, published an online toolkit for designing and implementing restorative justice services called Designing and Implementing Restorative Justice in Scotland.

Julie Berg (Glasgow) contributed to a report for Department of Archaeology within the Government of Nepal outlining new ways of protecting heritage.

Margaret Malloch (Stirling) is working with the Scottish Government’s Recovery, Renew, Transform Advisory Group which provides an opportunity to work with a diverse group of representatives from (mainly) third sector organisations tasked with providing advice and comment.

Caitlin Gormley (Glasgow) contributed to a workshop at the Queen’s Nursing Institute Scotland on the issue of ‘What makes a safe community?’ involving a range of experts from state and civil society organisations sharing experiences and learnings on the issue of safe communities.

- Michele Burman (Glasgow), has engaged with the European Commission, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs and Directorate General for Justice.
- Andy Aydin-Aitchison (Edinburgh) provided written and oral evidence to Westminster’s All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Democracy and Constitution in April 2021 where he discussed his work on the interaction between pandemic regulations and human rights law.

Julie Berg (Glasgow) is part of an Expert Working Group: Public and Community Participation for Safety comprising of crime and violence prevention specialists and practitioners. The role of the Expert Working Group is to promote the implementation of the 2016 White Paper on Safety and Security through its implementation strategy, the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy (ICVPS) for the South African government.

Kath Murray (Edinburgh) has undertaken research and analysis as part of a new policy collective MurrayBlackburnMackenzie. She has provided both written and oral evidence to Scottish parliamentary committees, most recently on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill and provided written evidence to UK Parliament select committees.

Niall Hamilton-Smith and Hannah Graham (Stirling) are involved in the Stirling Community Justice Partnership as part of the new local City region deal. They have developed a series of linked research projects, including peer-led research with community justice clients.

Emiline Smith (Glasgow) contributed to a report for the Centre and the people who make it.

Kath Murray (Edinburgh) led approaches.

Beth Weaver

Nina Vaswani

Civic Engagement

SCCJR Just Humans Podcast

A particularly noteworthy addition to our communications offerings has been a new podcast series called ‘Just Humans’ which explores the work of the Centre and the people who make it.

We produced four episodes in the first season which launched in November 2020.

International Engagement

SCCJR has agreements with six leading criminological research centres around the world:

1. Crime and Justice Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology;
2. Leuven Institute for Criminology, University of Leuven;
3. Department of Sociology and Centre for Criminology, University of Hong Kong;
4. Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo;
5. Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto;
6. Faculty of Criminal Justice, Tashkent State University of Law.

Key members of these research organisations form part of an international advisory group for SCCJR. To deepen our connection with our partners the following activities which took place in 2020/2021 have been summarised below.

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<td>Katie Lowe collaborated with Emiline Smith and Julie Berg (Glasgow) to organise a two-part event called ‘Online Teaching Pathways for Early-Career Criminologists &amp; Sociologists.’</td>
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<td>Publication of book to honour Richard Sparks (Edinburgh), edited by colleagues at Leuven.</td>
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<td>University of Oslo</td>
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<td>Thomas Ugelvik and Fergus McNeill (Glasgow) Joint PhD Supervision.</td>
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<td>University of Toronto</td>
<td>June 2021</td>
<td>Kelly Hannah-Moffat provided external examination of SCCJR PhD student.</td>
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PhD Snapshots
Here are four examples of postgraduate research from our PhD students.

ELIZABETH BARKAS
Working Title of PhD: Media reporting of deaths in custody in Britain
Year commenced PhD study: 2017
Institution/Organisation: University of Glasgow
Funding Source: Economics and Social Research Council (ESRC)
PhD Supervisors: Dr Sarah Armstrong and Dr Catherine Happer
Synopsis of PhD: This research investigates the media reporting of deaths in custodial settings in Britain from 1991-2015. The project is empirical and uses data from different sources. The first phase of the project uses content analysis to analyse news reports sampled from several points in the time period of interest. This part of the research has mapped the coverage of incidents over time, investigating representations of those who have died, and the authorities and institutions involved. The second phase of the research aims to engage with the actors involved in shaping and producing the news. This phase constructs several in-depth case studies of reporting based on the analysis of documentary evidence, together with interviews with those involved in shaping the news.

ROSS GIBSON
Working Title of PhD: Young People’s Perceptions of their Routes Into Secure Care
Year commenced PhD study: 2019
Institution/Organisation: University of Strathclyde
PhD Supervisors: Professor Laura Piacentini and Dr Laura Steckley
Synopsis of PhD: Scotland’s secure estate provides intense and restrictive care to the most vulnerable, risky – yet resilient – young people in our society. It has been described as the ‘last option’ in many cases, and delivers support to children experiencing acute mental illness, sexual exploitation, risky behaviours and harmful behaviours. Research currently being undertaken by the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice and by colleagues in other parts of the United Kingdom have shone a light on the significant levels of adversity, trauma, disadvantage and deprivation encountered by young people who are accommodated within secure settings.

What is missing from this work, however, is the voice of the young people in question. Adopting a variety of interactive and qualitative approaches this study will seek to capture the views of those who are resident there, inviting them to provide an insight into the life experiences which - in their opinion - have precipitated their admission to that setting.

This study expects to touch on subjects such as practitioner perceptions of youth risk taking, concepts of gender stereotyping, paternalism, poverty, justice and equity; all from the perception of the young people who have encountered the system in question, but it will seek to consider what implications these findings may have upon practice, policy and legislation.

RICHARD KJELENGREN
Working Title of PhD: Dark Spaces of Precarity: Patterns and Networks of Vulnerability and Exploitation within the Off-Street Sex market
Year commenced PhD study: 2019
Institution/Organisation: University of Stirling
Funding Source: ESRC
PhD Supervisors: Dr Niall Hamilton-Smith and Dr David Griffiths
Synopsis of PhD: This research is concerned with developing an evidenced understanding of how the off-street sex market has been reconfigured by the emergence of online technologies, and particularly, how organised crime groups and traffickers use technology to facilitate their operations in the context of exploitation within the sex market. It seeks to examine the extent to which it is possible to identify covert networks operating within the off-street sex market and patterns indicative of vulnerability and exploitation. This research aims to develop an innovative methodology to analyse large volumes of textual data, with the purpose of generating actionable intelligence and overlaying ongoing investigations with a digital layer.

With the advent of the internet and online technologies, the way in which information flows between people and organisations has been transformed. Consequently, the organisation of the sex market has been reshaped by the emergence of online technologies and there has been a shift from street-based sex work towards an expanding off-street sector. While there is evidence that victims of exploitation and trafficking are advertised on both social media and online classifieds, there is limited knowledge regarding the role of online technologies in facilitating exploitation and sex trafficking.

Online technologies add new layers of complexities to the policing of exploitation and sex trafficking, as they allow exploiters and organised crime groups to become more sophisticated in their modus operandi. Consequently, innovative methods of policing are required to fully appreciate the structure and organisation of criminal networks operating in the sex market, and subsequently, how their presence is manifested online.

EMILY QVIST-BAUDRY
Working Title of PhD: Visualising Physical Violence in Men’s Prisons
Year commenced PhD study: 2019
Institution/Organisation: The University of Edinburgh
PhD Supervisors: Dr Hugo Gorrige, Prof Richard Sparks
Synopsis of PhD: The project will via CCTV analyse the micro-dynamics of violent episodes in prisons along with their circumstances with the purpose of understanding the factors that impact the occurrence of interpersonal violence amongst male prisoners.

The research seeks to explore how useful Visual Data Analysis (VDA) is in enhancing the understanding of the course, context, and consequences of violent incidents in men’s prisons. There are two sub-themes within this: 1. Theoretically: what are the uses and limitations of Randall Collins’ theory of violence in studying and conceptualising prison violence? 2. Methodologically: to what extent does the use of video footage shed light on the impact of different actors in minimising or amplifying the scale and consequences of violent incidents?

The project sets out to examine the extent to which a better understanding of the context and consequences of violence in prisons can be obtained by the use of VDA. The project, furthermore, sets out to assess the uses and limitations of Randall Collins’ theory of violence in the study and conceptualisation of prison violence and to evaluate the extent to which video data can be used to illuminate the impact of different actors in minimising or amplifying the outcome of violent interaction. The project also aims to further the methodological framework including the ethical guidelines, both of which are currently limited, leaving it up to the researchers to assess risk and value.

The purpose of the project is to shed light on physical prison violence via video data to assess the value of the emerging methodology of VDA while also contributing to the framework and ethical apparatus of video data research. Finally, the project is intended to contribute to the development of the conceptualisation of violence by enquiring into the value of situational dynamics, thus furthering the micro-level/interactional approach to violence.

For a list of current Postgraduate students visit www.sccjr.ac.uk/people/
SCCJR is a partnership between the following universities: