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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Summer issue of *Inter-News*. It is filled with current information, challenging ideas, suggestions for action, and overview of parts of international criminology that may be new to you.

The ASC DIC community wants to know how you are making a difference as international justice scholars and advocates, and we look forward to your continued interest in and contributions to the Division.

We are eager to learn about your experiences, findings, and research trips; thus, we highly encourage you to send us regular updates and short thematic pieces for future newsletters of no more than 500-700 words. Please send your submissions to:

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Also, please connect with us via our social media channels! Be sure to tag us on social media for a like, share, or retweet! Tell your friends to follow us as well to keep up-to-date on all things #ASCDIC!

I hope you enjoy reading this Summer 2021 issue of the ASC DIC Newsletter

Please enjoy!

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NOTE FROM THE DIC CHAIR

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Dear DIC Friends and Colleagues,

As I write this letter, the summer is ending and the new academic year is underway. The new “normal” is upon us: most of us will be teaching in-person, while wearing masks and adhering to social distancing guidelines. As it stands right now, the ASC is planning to hold an in-person conference as well, and we are looking forward to seeing each other in person after two years! We plan to hold our Annual Award Luncheon on Friday, November 19, at Remington’s on Magnificent Mile in Chicago. Because of the COVID-19 regulations, we have only 52 seats available in the restaurant, so buy your luncheon tickets early! They are available together with your conference registration.

As you will notice, this newsletter is a transitional one. At the end of the business meeting in Chicago in November, the new DIC Executive Council, spearheaded by the Incoming Chair Phil Reichel, will take over. In the newsletter, Phil Reichel outlines the goals that he hopes the incoming Executive Council will pursue. On that note, we are excited to bring you the list of nominees for the DIC Executive Council (Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Counselors). We will run the elections electronically. In early September, Nadine Connell, our current Secretary/Treasurer, will email DIC members in good standing (i.e., current members who have paid the DIC annual

dues) a link with the ballot. This is a great time to make sure that you are up-to-date with your membership and are eligible to vote in the upcoming elections!

As I near the end of my second term as the DIC Chair, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to the wonderful colleagues who have served with me on the Executive Council:

Executive Council 2017-2019:

Sheldon Zhang (Immediate Past Chair), Richard Bennett (Secretary/Treasurer), James Byrne (Executive Councilor), Bitna Kim (Executive Councilor), and Janet Stamatel (Executive Councilor)

Executive Council 2019-2021:

Philip Reichel (Vice-Chair), Nadine Connell (Secretary/Treasurer), Marcelo Aebi (Executive Councilor), Stephanie Di Pietro (Executive Councilor), Amy Nivette (Executive Councilor), and Marijana Kotlaja (Executive Councilor)

We are proud of the accomplishments that the DIC has achieved during these two terms:

- 1) Implemented a Constitutional change that created the office of Vice-Chair to bring continuity to the Executive Council
- 2) Established the journal *International Criminology* with Springer and appointed Editor-in-Chief Ineke Marshall; Senior Editors Jay Albanese, Richard Bennett, and Susanne Karstedt; Associate Editors Gorazd Mesko, Janet Stamatel, and Justice Tankabe; and Book Review Editor Thomas Akoensi, as well as over 30 members of the Editorial Board
- 3) Organized an online launch of the journal *International Criminology* in November 2020
- 4) Established the DIC Graduate Fellowship for Global Research and the DIC Fellowship Committee to administer the award
- 5) Secured funding for the DIC Graduate Fellowship for Global Research
- 6) Reached an agreement with Springer to obtain sustained funding for the Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award
- 7) Developed the DIC Policy on *International Criminology*
- 8) Expanded and enriched the biannual newsletter, *InterNews*

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- 9) Implemented a Bylaws change and established the DIC Workshop Committee
- 10) Expanded DIC's presence on various social media platforms
- 11) Created an online monthly series of workshops, social hours, and town-hall meetings
- 12) Organized the 2020 Awards Ceremony online
- 13) Drafted the new Constitution and Bylaws
- 14) Sponsored a panel at the 65th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

I would also like to thank our tireless volunteers who generously served on various committees, thus enabling DIC to operate at its best. Last but not least, I would like to express my thanks of the *International Criminology* editors for their willingness to take on an enormous task and do so with grace! Thanks to them, *International Criminology* has a bright future!

The 2021 Summer newsletter that you are reading right now has being put together by Marijana Kotlaja (Editor-in-Chief), Jared R. Dmello (Copy Editor), and Dragana Derlic (Layout and Design). Thanks for creating another great edition of the newsletter!

In the newsletter, you can follow Maja's conversation with Joachim Savelsberg about the future of international criminology and his own involvement in it, as well as a short research piece by Jon Maskaly, Peter Neyroud, and me about a somewhat surprising findings on police transformation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jay Albanese, an ASC UN Liaison, reports on the work of the UN and Dawn Beichner, a UN Representative, describes the panels and presentations held at the 65th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (one of the panels was sponsored by the DIC!). Furthermore, the Newsletter has information about the journal *International Criminology* and contains the list of journal articles published in Volume 2, Issue 2. Finally, the Newsletter brings updates on recent publications by our members.

In closing, I would like to invite you most cordially to renew your membership and vote in the upcoming elections. I am looking forward to seeing you in person in November!

Sincerely,

Sanja Kutnjak Ivković,

DIC Chair



A NOTE FROM THE INCOMING DIC CHAIR

Phil Reichel, *Vice-Chair of DIC*



Dear DIC Colleagues:

At the conclusion of the 2021 DIC Business Meeting in Chicago, I will complete my 2-year term as Vice Chair and begin my 2-year term as DIC Chair. Outgoing Chair, Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, has done her best to prepare me for my upcoming duties but, to be honest, it is comforting to know that she will be easily available in her new position as Immediate Past Chair for those times when I will have questions and need advice.

I have been asked by the newsletter team to comment on what I believe are some of the more notable accomplishments by the Executive Council during the last two years, and to provide some examples of what I envision for the division in the coming years. I am happy to do that!

Accomplishments The division's primary accomplishment during the last two years is the launch of our new journal *International Criminology* <http://internationalcriminology.com/international-criminology-journal/>. Under the direction of Editor-in-Chief Ineke Marshall, and with the very able assistance of her Senior and Associate Editors and the members of the Editorial Board, the journal was introduced at a webinar with two panels on November 20, 2020. During that webinar, authors of articles in the first issue provided an overview of their contribution to the inaugural issue's theme: "International Criminology. If not now, when?" Participants from around the world saw and heard excellent presentations and everyone agreed that the division's official journal is off to a great start.

Linked to the journal launch, via a video-taped segment between the two panels, was our 2021 awards ceremony. Making the best of being unable to recognize the award winners in person, DIC Secretary/Treasurer Nadine Connell expertly prepared a 30-minute video in which chairs of our various award committees announced the award winners and those winners were able to provide a taped acceptance. The Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar award was presented posthumously to Cindy Smith and was accepted by her husband Rick Smith. Everyone involved did a wonderful job in assuring the best possible award ceremony.

Another notable accomplishment during that past two years was securing funding by Springer (the publisher of our journal) for what will now be known as the "Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award by Springer." This very thoughtful and generous act by Springer will allow us to continue providing a \$1000 check to each year's winner of the distinguished scholar award.

Goals for the Coming Years

I am excited to hear ideas about the division's direction from the incoming officers who will comprise the 2021-2023 Executive Council. I know that each of them will have goals they hope to accomplish during their service to the division—and I am committed to giving all the new officers the opportunity to do that. But I also hope to encourage the new EC to consider action on several tasks that I believe are important after having served on the 2019-2021 EC.

The first of these is the need to adopt a new constitution and bylaws. The DIC is the oldest ASC division and although we have made some adjustments over the years our current constitution and bylaws leave too many important items unaddressed or addressed incompletely. The current EC has been working on new documents that we hope to have ready for member consideration by the November business meeting. Adoption of more complete fundamental principles to govern the DIC and establishment of specific rules by which we function must be a top priority.

Other tasks that I hope will catch the attention of the new officers include renewed commitments to some goals from earlier ECs. An example is expanding our membership with a recruitment campaign that follows a strategic plan to increase diversity and to create more opportunities for engagement and mentoring of junior scholars and students (e.g., see the interviews with 2017-2019 EC members in the [Summer 2019 Newsletter](#)). Also, I hope to continue efforts encouraged by several previous officers to build beneficial relationships with other ASC divisions and international associations. Sanja and I took initial steps in that direction at the 2019 San Francisco meeting when we had the opportunity to discuss mutual interests with the Korean Society of Criminology in America. We look forward to continuing those discussions and to initiating similar interactions with other groups.

There will also be some difficult decisions to be made in the coming years as we work to assure the long-term fiscal health of the Division. This is especially relevant to decisions regarding the continuation of an awards luncheon, which has become an extremely expensive event. How might we encourage donations, find areas of savings, or look for sponsorships?

And, to end on a high note, I hope the EC will be committed to supporting all efforts designed to increase the DIC social media presence. The new virtual social hours (we have had three as of July 2021) are part of that effort and it is important that we continue to expand our use of social media advertising and engagement.

I want to thank the newsletter team for providing me the opportunity to highlight some of the tasks I hope to accomplish, with the advice and assistance of the new officers, during our 2021-2023 term as your officers. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 awards luncheon and business meeting.

UPCOMING DIC ELECTIONS

We are excited for the upcoming 2022 Executive Council election! Please watch your email for your ballot in early September. Don't forget that only current members are eligible to vote, so now is the perfect time to renew your DIC membership in time for the annual conference. We are looking forward to announcing the winners at the 2022 DIC Awards Luncheon at the conference in November. Vote!

Candidates for the VICE-CHAIR Position

Dawn Beichner

I am honored to be nominated for the DIC Vice-Chair position. I first joined the ASC in 1996 and have been a member of the DIC for much of my career. Throughout my time in the ASC, I have served on several committees. In addition to my role as professor in Criminal Justice Sciences & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Illinois State University, I am a course director for international post-graduate courses on "Victimology, Victim Assistance, and Criminal Justice" held annually at the Inter University Centre of Dubrovnik, Croatia, teach courses at Fachhochschule Kiel in Germany, and serve as an external examiner for doctoral programs at two universities in South Africa. Additionally, I am a member of the Executive Committee of the World Society of Victimology and serve as a liaison to the United Nations. In addition to my participation in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, I am a member of the Academic Council of the United Nations System. This year, for the United Nations' 65th Commission on the Status of Women, I collaborated with DIC colleagues to host three parallel events, co-sponsored by the division. The research presented in these collaborative events was summarized in the May/June 2021 issue of *The Criminologist*. My recent scholarship has been published in international outlets in Germany, Spain, and the U.S.A. If I am elected to serve the DIC, I will seek out opportunities for global collaborations of our membership.

Erin Kearns

I am pleased to be nominated for the DIC Vice Chair position. I have been an ASC member since 2011 and actively involved in DIC since 2016. During this time, I have served on the DIC Student Paper Competition Committee and on the Graduate Fellowship Competition Committee, the latter of which I have chaired for the last two years. I have also served on various other committees for ASC and its divisions. I am an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and on the executive council of the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center of Excellence at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I have published a book and twenty articles and book chapters, including a cross-national examination of homicide and terrorism and multiple articles on why and how groups lie about terrorism around the world—one of which won the 2016 DIC Student Paper award. Further, I have international pedagogical experience as both a student and visiting faculty member. If elected to this position, my aims would be to: develop innovative ways to increase membership and participation in DIC; expand the broader research profile and accessibility to outside scholars, policy makers, and the public; support ongoing activities and opportunities in the division; and uphold DIC's reputation as an internationalist academic community. reputation in the field.

Candidates for the SECRETARY/TREASURER Position

Marijana Kotlaja

I am pleased to be nominated for the Treasurer position. Marijana M. Kotlaja is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Missouri State University. She completed her PhD at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Her research focuses on cross-cultural comparisons, aggregate issues and juvenile delinquency. Dr. Kotlaja successfully collected household survey data in Belgrade, Serbia (n=800), which broadly explored social experiences, behaviors and mental health outcomes of adults. At present, Dr. Kotlaja is engaged in a data collection initiative in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The survey overlaps considerably with existing data from Dhaka, Bangladesh and Belgrade, Serbia, which will permit interesting cross-cultural comparisons. Dr. Kotlaja's work has been funded through a variety of sources and appears in several international journals. As a member of DIC, she serves as editor-in-chief of the Division of International Criminology (DIC) newsletter, Chair of the Social Media Committee and is currently an Executive Councilor. If elected to this position, Dr. Kotlaja would work to maintain the DIC's social media presence and encourage graduate student and early career participation in DIC.

Yue (Angela) Zhuo

I am honored to be nominated for the position of DIC Secretary/Treasurer. I am an Associate Professor and Director of Criminology & Justice Program at St. John's University, as well as an Affiliated Scholar at the US-Asia Law Institute of New York University Law School. As an active member of ASC and DIC for years, I have enjoyed serving on ASC's program committee and DIC's student paper award committee, book award committee, and Adler scholar award committee. My research interests include law and social control, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, and family dynamics in Asian and American societies. My work has been published in *British Journal of Criminology*, *Asian Journal of Criminology*, *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, *Crime, Law & Social Change*, *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, *Research on Aging*, *Population, Space and Place*, etc. Should I be fortunate enough to be elected to this position, I pledge to be a transparent and responsible steward of DIC funds and work closely with the Executive Council to maintain the DIC's good record and reputation. I pledge to coordinate with the Newsletter Committee to timely inform all DIC members of news and events and actively work with the Membership Committee to solicit new members.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Candidates for the EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR Position

William Moreto

I am honored to be nominated for the position of DIC Executive Councilor. I have been a member of ASC since 2010 and a member of DIC since 2014. I have previous experience serving on the Outstanding Student Paper Award and Distinguished Book Award committees. I am an associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida, where I am also a faculty fellow at the Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity. I have also been a research fellow at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement. I have conducted fieldwork in Kenya, Nepal, Uganda, and the Philippines examining environment crime and wildlife law enforcement. Additionally, I have collected primary data examining ranger perceptions from over 25 countries. I engage in translational scholarship and have been a consultant for the World Wide Fund for Nature, Re:Wild, and USAID. I am the co-author of *Wildlife Crime: An Environmental Criminology and Crime Science Perspective* and the editor of *Wildlife Crime: From Theory to Practice*. I have authored or co-authored 34 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. I am passionate about international research, teaching and mentorship, and collaboration, and believe in the role that the DIC has in strengthening such aspects within the discipline. If elected, I intend to actively help foster a global community of scholarship and inclusivity within the DIC.

Joselyne Nkogo

I am honored to be nominated for the position of DIC Executive Councilor. I have been a member of ASC since 2015 and have been active in the DIC since 2018. Over the years, I have participated in several activities that are organized by the DIC and I have always been encouraged by the enthusiasm shared by DIC members. As a member of ASC, I have served on the program committee (2021) as well as the Division on Policing's awards committee (2020). I am an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and I am currently a Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the United States International University-Africa. I am the author or co-author of 14 articles and book chapters. I currently serve on the Editorial Board of *Spring Nature (SN) Social Sciences Journal* and *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology*. Although I have not had the opportunity to serve on any committee within the DIC, it would be a great honor should I be fortunate to be elected to this position. As an Executive Councilor, I would try to recruit new members, mentor graduate students, and encourage active participation by all existing DIC members. I would also endeavor to maintain DIC's positive reputation.

Hung- En Sung

I am humbled by the nomination for the position of DIC Executive Councilor. I have been a member of ASC since 2002 and currently serve as a Professor and Director of International Research Partnerships at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. My research revolves around program evaluation, police behavior, political corruption, and the impact of democratization on crime and justice. Justice reform and criminological education in transitional societies have also been an important focus of my consulting work. I have published on these issues and engaged in related training and technical assistance activities in Latin America and Asia with funding from the United Nations, Inter-American Development Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of State, and several national governments. I have managed nearly \$6 million in research and institutional grants since 2006 and was awarded the W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship by the National Institute of Justice in 2010 and a Visiting Professorship at the National Taipei University with funding from the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan in 2015. I have taught and published in English, Spanish, and Chinese languages and am a member of the editorial board of the *Revista Española de Investigación Criminológica* (Spain).

Cory LePage

I am honored to be nominated for the position of DIC Executive Counselor. I have been a member of ASC since 2000 and have been active in the DIC since 2013. I have continuously enjoyed providing service to the division including membership on the undergraduate outstanding student paper award and the outstanding book of the year award committees. I am an assistant professor at California State University, East Bay in the Criminal Justice Department. My scholarship is focused on the socio-legal aspects of the criminal justice system and its relation to society, with a particular focus on the courts and adjudication systems globally. I have published on pre-trial diversion programs, public perceptions on the criminal justice system in the U.S. and have completed various program evaluations on crime mitigation policies in the public. I have been privileged to have served as chair and discussant on numerous panels concerning international court systems at the ASC annual meetings. Should I be fortunate to be elected as an Executive Counselor I would work to preserve the reputation of the DIC, strive towards increased participation by DIC members, and more broadly membership in ASC, by increasing awareness of opportunities and activities within the DIC.

Staci Strobl

I am honored to be nominated for the role of an Executive Councilor for the Division of International Criminology (DIC). I have been an active member of ASC for more than fifteen years and have been a member of the DIC throughout that time. I have served on the Outstanding Book Award committee for two years and the Student Paper Award committee for one year. I was a Sub-Area Chair in comparative criminal justice for the 2016 annual meeting in New Orleans. Currently, I am a Professor at Shenandoah University in Virginia. I am the author of *Sectarian Order in Bahrain: The Social and Colonial Origins of Criminal Justice*, and the co-author of *Comic Book Crime: Truth, Justice, and the American Way*, as well as more than 30 articles and book chapters in journals such as *International Criminal Justice Review*, *British Journal of Criminology*, *The Journal of Crime, Justice and Social Democracy*, *Crime Media Culture*, and *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*. I have received three awards for outstanding papers, including the Outstanding Article Award for ASC's Division of White Collar and Corporate Crime in 2019 and the Radzinowicz Memorial Prize presented by the *British Journal of Criminology* in 2009. Should I be elected to this position I would work to build the DIC's member through personable invitations to serve on committees, to expand the social media presence for the division in order to reach the interested public, and to bolster the professional development the division can offer to graduate students and early career scholars.

INTERVIEWS WITH ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLARS ON THE PUSH TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

Joachim Savelsberg, Ph.D. *University at Minnesota, USA*

Interviewed by Marijana Maja Kotlaja *Missouri State University, USA*



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Maja: What do you think about the future of the field of international criminology? How do you see this field evolving in the next decade? What should researchers be focused on?

Joachim: International criminology has become a crucial field in an increasingly interconnected world. Trade, travel, and information flow connect peoples and countries to an ever-greater degree. Many actors, corporate, governmental, and civil society organizations, are inter- or trans-national. The time of methodological nationalism has passed, meaning: we can no longer treat countries as self-contained units of analysis. Great colleagues eloquently address the relevance of these trends in the recently published inaugural issue of our new journal, *International Criminology*.

Maja: You have been researching representations and memories of mass violence for over twenty years. How did you first become interested in understanding mass violence and its international consequences? Tell us how it all started...

Joachim: I was born in Germany in 1951, six years after the end of WWII and the Holocaust. I grew up in a world in which the war was a consistent theme. Yet, our elders thoroughly silenced the genocide. It came as a shock to my generation, when – coming of age – we began to learn about its history. I became a sociologist, studying a variety of themes such as white-collar crime legislation, sentencing guidelines, and comparative punishment rates. The Holocaust was always on my mind as a private person and citizen. Yet, it entered into my academic work only in the late 1990s and 2000s, not accidentally during decades of horrific episodes of mass violence. Think of the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Darfur region of Sudan, to name but a few examples. Simultaneously, the end of the Cold War allowed for the rebirth of international tribunals. History met biography, and I shifted my work to issues of mass atrocity crimes.

Maja: What specific form did your scholarship about mass atrocity crimes take?

Joachim: Given my coming-of-age experience, the breaking of silence about the Holocaust, much quoted words of President Roosevelt and Justice Jackson resonated with me. They argued, and I paraphrase, that we need to document, with witnesses under oath and all the written documents, the cruelties committed during WWII, so posterity can never doubt. I wanted to know if prosecutions and trials could indeed deliver such history writing. This curiosity resulted in *American Memories: Atrocities and the Law* (co-authored with Ryan D. King; 2011). I subsequently examined representations as human rights crimes of mass violence in Darfur, produced by the human rights field in conjunction with international criminal justice institutions, and contrasting narratives generated in humanitarian and diplomatic fields. This study confirmed the weight of transnational processes, while an eight-country comparison also showed that receptivity to competing representations varied across nation states. Transnational, international and comparative research are intertwined (see: *Representing Mass Violence: Conflicting Responses to Human Rights Violations in Darfur*, 2015). My newest book, *Knowing about Genocide: Armenian Suffering and Epistemic Struggles*, applies a broader analytic lens, in the tradition of the sociology of knowledge. The last two books, by the way, came out as paperback and open access online publications. Readers can download them at no cost. Teaching at a large state university, with many students specializing in the sociology of crime, law, and justice, I also introduced a new course on Crime and Human Rights into the curriculum and wrote an accompanying short teaching-oriented book, entitled *Crime and Human Rights: Criminology of Genocide and Atrocities* (2010).

Maja: Tell us more about your upcoming projects. Is there one that you are particularly excited about?

Joachim: One current project addresses the gendered nature of memories about mass violence in Serbia. I am also increasingly interested in our potential to learn from literature and biography about mass violence and its aftermath. Building on previous work, I recently analyzed biographies written by descendants of former Nazis to examine the management of stigma in the face of cultural trauma. Simultaneously, I am struggling with the tension between the hope invested in new international criminal legal institutions and the need to apply to them the critical lens with which we have commonly approached domestic criminal justice. Finally, studying trials in major historical cases of mass atrocity crimes, has taught us about the selectivity of criminal justice representations, the omission of structural contexts and historical trajectories, limiting rules of evidence, and a binary guilty versus not-guilty logic. Scholars and practitioners have concluded convincingly that other mechanisms such as truth commissions and reparations programs should supplement trials. I am interested in applying this lesson to domestic criminal justice: What representation of crime and criminals do myriad prosecutions and court proceedings in our local and national criminal legal systems generate? How do they aggregate to a Gestalt in the mind of the public? What corrective and supplemental mechanisms can we think of at the domestic level to arrive at a more appropriate representation of crime and criminals and of more effective and humane responses to them?

A Somewhat Surprising Relationship between the COVID-19 Pandemic and Police Organizational Changes

Jon Maskaly, *University of North Dakota*

Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, *Michigan State University*

Peter Neyroud, *University of Cambridge*



On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 a pandemic (WHO, 2020) and asked governments worldwide to “take urgent and aggressive action” to curb the spread of COVID-19. Within a month, close to 4 billion people from 90 countries worldwide were asked or ordered to remain at home (Sandford, 2020). Consequently, citizens worked from home, non-essential businesses closed, and crime rates and calls for service decreased. Roche’s study (2020) suggested that the level of restrictive-

ness of COVID-19 governmental measures was not as strongly related to either the health threat or the robustness of the health care system, as it was to the depth of democracy in each country.

As empirical research shows (e.g., Alexander and Ekici, 2020; Lum et al., 2020a, 2020b; Maskály et al., 2021a), police across the world had to adjust to these new circumstances. The police were entrusted—and often expected—to enforce the COVID-19 developed rules and regulations, often with only very limited training (e.g., Matarazzo et al., 2020; Warren et al., 2020). Police agencies limited in-person roll calls and police training, in-person responses to the calls for services, and in-person proactive activities, including community policing, directed patrols, and traffic stops (e.g., Alexander and Ekici, 2020; Lum et al., 2020a, 2020b; Maskály et al., 2021a). There is no doubt that how police agencies responded to citizens’ requests and the way in which they delivered their services have changed in response to the pandemic. Inspired by Roche’s study of governmental restrictions, an important question that prior research has not explored is whether the driving force behind changes in police organization and operation was the health threat. This is one of the research questions we explored in a recent study (Maskály et al., 2021b).

We developed a COVID-19 survey that was distributed to police administrators in 28 countries (Maskály et al., 2021a). In our work, we have sought not only to measure the extent of operational and organizational changes across police agencies from different countries (e.g., Maskály et al., 2021a), but also to ascertain the degree to which these changes were exclusively driven by the public health concerns (Maskály et al., 2021b). We hypothesized that, the stronger the COVID-19 health threat in the country, the more extensive changes police agencies would perform to protect their employees. We measured the health threat through the COVID-19 infection rate and COVID-19 death rate per 100,000 citizens in each country.

Our results support the argument that the changes in police organization and operation during the first wave of the pandemic in Summer 2020 were at least *partly* driven the severity of the health threat (Maskály et al., 2021b). As one would expect, the relative strength of the first-wave of the pandemic was associated with some changes in police organizations, although these changes were not as consistent as one might expect. Specifically, the increased reliance on police officers working remotely and the use of physically separated working environments were significantly and positively related to the peak rate of COVID-19 deaths, but not as much to the peak rate of COVID-19 infections.

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A Somewhat Surprising Relationship between The COVID-19 Pandemic and Police Organizational Changes Cont.

Jon Maskaly, *University of North Dakota*

Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, *Michigan State University*

Peter Neyroud, *University of Cambridge*

Because these changes in police organization and operation were only *partly* related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were eager to explore the potential role that governmental adherence to the rule of law plays in police changes during the COVID-19 pandemic. We discovered that the World Justice Project's Constraints on Governmental Power, a measure of "[...] the extent to which those who govern are bound by the law" (World Justice Project, 2020), was negatively associated with the decrease in the internal misconduct investigations, problem-oriented policing and community policing activities, and agency data collection and reporting. These results raise the issue of whether police agencies in countries less bound by the rule of law have used the pandemic as a cover to (further) reduce their transparency and accountability efforts.

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United Nations Activities and Updates

Jay Albanese, ASC UN Liaison

UN Commission on the Status of Women

The UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The UN ECOSOC established the CSW in 1946. The CSW promotes women's rights by documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. The CSW was held online from New York in March 2021. Seven side event panels were co-sponsored by divisions of the ASC. ASC members from DIC, DWC, and Cybercrime Divisions, were all involved in presentations at the CSW. This was record participation, made possible because the event was held on line due to the pandemic. It is gratifying to see so many from academia looking to share their work more globally to include the communities of policy and practice.. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/side-events>



UN Crime Congress

Every 5 years the UN hosts a Crime Congress with a total attendance of 5,000 state and civil society representatives. It is the world's largest gathering on crime prevention and criminal justice. Member State negotiations are conducted on issues of crime and justice for the next 5 years, as well as many ancillary (panel) sessions on issues important to both governments and civil society organizations. That meeting was scheduled for April 2020 in Japan, but was postponed due to the coronavirus to March 2021. Several members of ASC were involved in presentations at ancillary meetings, but these were made under the aegis of other NGOs.



UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The annual UN Crime Commission meeting is relevant to many ASC members. Held in Vienna, Austria (the home of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime-UNODC), the Member States choose a specific theme each year to pursue. The UN Crime Commission was a largely virtual meeting again in May 2021. A total of 125 Member States, 15 intergovernmental organizations, 49 NGOs participated. Several ASC members participated in the more than 80 side events/panel sessions on crime and justice issues of international consequence.

The theme of this year's meeting was migrant smuggling, but the Commission decided to postpone full consideration of this agenda item to the reconvened part of its session, in December 2021, given time constraints produce by debates and disagreements among Member States in Eastern Europe on another agenda item.



ASC DIC CSW65 Committee Report

Dawn Beichner, *UN Representative*



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**65th Session of the United Nations
Commission on the Status of Women-CSW65
March 15—26, 2021**

CSW 65 Committee



Dr. Dawn Beichner, UN Representative
World Society of Victimology
Professor, Illinois State University



Dr. Sheetal Ranjan, Member
American Society of Criminology
Division of International Criminology;
Professor, William Paterson University



Dr. Rosemary Barberet, UN Representative,
International Sociological Association &
Criminologists Without Borders
Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Parallel Events:

1. 16 March 2021: Feminist Approaches to Justice: International Responses to Sexual Violence
2. 17 March 2021: Feminist Approaches to Justice: Addressing Incarcerated and Returning Women Worldwide
3. 18 March 2021: International Approaches to Coordinating Community Responses: Violence Against Women

2021 marks the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65). Every year, representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from around the world attend the session to disseminate evidence on policies and practices affecting women globally. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related World Health Organization guidance, the sixty-fifth session took place virtually. The event commenced on Monday, 15 March and continued through Friday, 26 March. The CSW65 priority theme was women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. The twelve-day session included a ministerial segment with roundtables and other high-level interactive dialogues, a Virtual Townhall Meeting, as well as interactive and expert panel discussions. UN Women and various stakeholders organized many side events and parallel events to draw attention to critical aspects of gender equality.

The World Society of Victimology, the American Society of Criminology's Division of International Criminology, the International Sociological Association, and Criminologists Without Borders partnered to host three parallel events at CSW65. The collaborative sessions were originally planned for CSW64 when we were celebrating Beijing +25, the 10th anniversary of UN Women, and the 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CSW64 session was canceled. We are still celebrating these anniversaries, of course, as they are milestones for the global women's movement. Our participation in the virtual event embodies the UN Women's CSW65 message: "In the Year the World Stopped, Women's Rights Will Not."



ASC DIC CSW65 Committee Report, cont.

Dawn Beichner, *UN Representative*

Feminist Approaches to Justice: International Responses to Sexual Violence: Dr. Rosemary Barberet, UN Representative for the International Sociological Association, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, chaired this panel, co-sponsored by Criminologists without Borders. The panel focused on the responses to sexual violence that is related to armed conflict as well as occurs outside that context. Dr. Sari Hanafi, President of the International Sociological Association and Professor of Sociology at the American University of Beirut, gave introductory remarks. Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN, Initiator of the conceptual breakthrough for UNSCR 1325 as the Security Council President in March 2000 and Founder of the Global Movement for The Culture of Peace (GMCOP) presented "1325's 20th Anniversary: Feminism Should Drive the WPS Agenda." Dr. Mary Okumu, recently retired from her post at UN Women in Sierra Leone, presented "Important Efforts to Stop Sexual Violence in Sierra Leone." Dr. Rhoda Reddock, UN CEDAW Committee Member 2018- 2022, Emerita Professor, Gender, Social Change and Development, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, and ISA Executive Committee Member, gave an overview of CEDAW and Violence Against Women. Passy Mubalama, Women's Rights Activist, Founder of AIDPROFEN in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and NGOCWSW 2020 Woman of Distinction Awardee, spoke about "Women and Girls as Victims of Sexual Violence: Consequences and Community Perceptions." Dr. Laura Guercio, Member of the Coordination Committee of UNETCHAC, Professor, University of Perugia, and Head of International Relations for the International Criminal Bar Association, presented "Guaranteeing a Future for Girls Affected by Armed Conflict: Concerns Identified by the International Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict (UNETCHAC)." And Jasmine Hwang and Sebastián Galleguillos, graduates of the Master of Arts Degree Program in International Crime and Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice presented their research on "Best Police Practices Around the Globe: Improving Responses to Sexual Violence." A lively Q&A was moderated by Dr. Jan Marie Fritz, ISA Executive Committee Member and Representative to the UN, Professor, University of Cincinnati, Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Johannesburg and Visiting Professor at Taylor's University (MALAYSIA).

Feminist Approaches to Justice: Addressing Incarcerated and Returning Women Worldwide: Dr. Dawn Beichner, UN Representative World Society of Victimology; Professor, Illinois State University, presented in this panel, sponsored by the World Society of Victimology, and served as chair and moderator. The panel's global focus included panelists from four countries and coverage of contemporary issues worldwide. Dr. Claire M. Renzetti, Editor of Violence Against Women, Professor and Chair of Sociology, University of Kentucky (U.S.A.) provided introductory comments that highlighted the intersecting nature of violence against women and women's offending. Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, Associate Professor, Michigan State University (U.S.A.) discussed Bringing the 'Invisible Population' to Light: Justice for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women. Attorney Mmonbeyo Nadine Joah, Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Organization for Women and Children (LIBERIA) presented Feminist Approach to Addressing the Challenges Facing Incarcerated Women in Liberia. Attorney Prue Kapua, National President, Maori Women's Welfare League (NEW ZEALAND) highlighted The Rampant Incarceration of Indigenous Women: The Aotearoa/New Zealand Experience. Dr. Dawn Beichner and

International Approaches to Coordinating Community Responses: Violence Against Women: Dr. Sheetal Ranjan, member of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) - Division of International Criminology; Professor, William Paterson University (USA) presented in this panel sponsored by ASC's Division of International Criminology, and served as chair and moderator. Dr. Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, Chair, ASC's Division of International Criminology; Professor, Michigan State University (USA) provided introductory comments about the Division and its international focus. Dr. Ineke Haen Marshall, Editor, International Criminology; Professor, Northeastern University (USA) provided an overview of DIC's new journal. Dr. Sheetal Ranjan provided an overview of the Theoretical Framework for Coordinating Community Responses: Violence Against Women. Dr. Vasiliki Artinopoulou, Professor, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences; Director of the Restorative Justice and Mediation Lab; Director of the Institute on Crime and Criminal Justice, European Public Law Organization (GREECE) spoke about The European Victims' Rights Directive (2012/29/EU): Reflections on Article 26 Cooperation and Coordination of Services, and the goal of coordination of community responses not being achieved nine years since the directive, and highlighted recent reports in the European context. Videos and documents provided by UN- Women discussed Lessons From the Implementation of UN-Women's Integrated Global Initiative on Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces for Women and Girls that began as a multi-stakeholder global initiative in the cities of Quito (Ecuador), Cairo (Egypt), New Delhi (India), Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), and Kigali (Rwanda), and has now grown to include 50+ cities and continues to achieve positive results with its partners. Clara Alemann, Director of Programs, Promundo-US (USA) spoke about Promundo's gender transformative efforts to Engaging Men and Boys to Prevent Gender-Based Violence Through Community-Based Programs in 20+ countries in the Global South. Dean Peacock, Director, Confronting Militarized Masculinities, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (SOUTH AFRICA) spoke about his involvement in the VAW movement and provided Reflections After 30 Years: Successes, Challenges and New Directions in Efforts to Address Men's Violence Against Women.

Forthcoming Journal: Dr. Beichner, Dr. Ranjan, and Dr. Barberet will be guest editing a forthcoming special issue of Violence Against Women, a peer-reviewed international, interdisciplinary journal published by SAGE. The special issue, which will be published in early 2022, will showcase a selection of the papers from the collaborative parallel events and other international contributions from violence against women-themed CSW65 presentations.



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One of the chapters in Jeanette's study is based on international law/policies or case studies in terms of policing people with disabilities and specifically hearing-impaired (deaf) people who have become victims as a benchmark. This includes police/courts and correctional services.

To date she has found limited international policies/legal frameworks on the topic.

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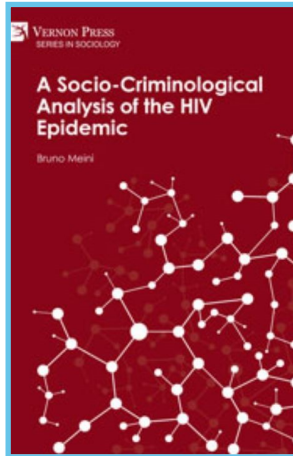


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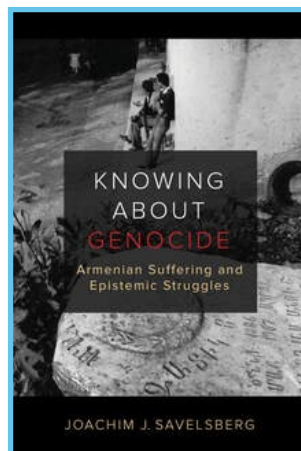
There are many academic articles that deal with HIV and AIDS, but this is the first scholarly book that deals with these subjects in detail from a sociological perspective. The views of every important sociologist since Durkheim with relevance to Dr Meiri's focus on HIV/AIDS are explained with admirable clarity. The book's interest will not be limited to sociologists, but it will interest many other scholars, including epidemiologists, political scientists, social workers, and criminologists and victimologists. Those dealing with public policy, global affairs and international child welfare will also find the book of value. The book is highly original and is ambitious in the scope and the depth of its scholarship. Even so, it is written in an open and accessible style. It would be appropriately assigned in both graduate and upper-level undergraduate classes. Somewhat unusually for an academic book, it will also be of interest to the general reader who will be amazed at the number of themes and contemporary debates that Dr Meiri ties into the volume. Review by Prof Ronald V. Clarke (School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey).



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Editors: Sanja Kutnjak Ivković, Michigan, Shari Seidman Diamond, Valerie P. Hans, Nancy S. Marder

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Book: **Knowing About Genocide: Armenian Suffering and Epistemic Struggles**

Author: Joachim J. Savelsberg

How do victims and perpetrators generate conflicting knowledge about genocide? Using a sociology of knowledge approach, Savelsberg answers this question for the Armenian genocide committed in the context of the First World War. Focusing on Armenians and Turks, he examines strategies of silencing, denial, and acknowledgment in everyday interaction, public rituals, law, and politics. Drawing on interviews, ethnographic accounts, documents, and eyewitness testimony, Savelsberg illuminates the social processes that drive dueling versions of history. He reveals counterproductive consequences of denial in an age of human rights hegemony, with implications for populist disinformation campaigns against overwhelming evidence.



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