



Conference Calendar 4 (January 2009)

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10-11 February 2009, Berlin/Germany
12th European Police Congress

The 12th Congress discusses “European Security in the 21st Century” with special Focus on “Prevention: Principles, Strategies and Technology”. Topics of the main programme:

- Cross-Border Crime and Cross-Border Cooperation - Progress Report and Perspectives
- Do we have a sufficient European Security Architecture?
- Do we need a Network of Information?
- Europe after the Schengen Enlargement - A new point of View
- Focal Point Afghanistan - Lessons learned and lessons to be learned in Police Operations
- Industrial Policy in Europe - The future of internal and external Security
- Internal Security in Europe of the 27 – Contributions of the European Parliament
- Investigation Strategies for international Counterterrorism
- New initiatives of the European Commission for the internal Security in Europe
- Security at large Events - Experience and Perspectives of international Police cooperation.

<http://www.euro-police.com/>

11-13 February 2009, Lausanne/Switzerland

Ecole polytechnique de Lausanne EPFL + Fondation Latsis –

“Understanding Violence: Recent Advances in Biology, Sociology and Modeling”

Violence is one of the most important social and public health problems worldwide. Despite great interest in understanding the major causes of violence and in developing effective prevention and intervention programs, knowledge generated by experts on different fields is nowadays fragmented and generally circumscribed to the circles where it is generated. Violent behavior is related to complex environmental and social circumstances, but heritable and other biological factors are also implicated. An integrated view of the causes of violence should take into account sociological and psychological aspects, together with biological, evolutionary and modeling approaches.

This EPFL-Latsis Symposium will bring together world leaders from each of these fields to discuss major recent advances in biological (genetic risk factors; stress; hormonal alterations; neuroimaging data on brain function alterations), psycho-sociological (hierarchical relationships and population health; elements of the micro-context; developmental trajectories) and modelling approaches (virtual reality and emotions; computational models on the development of hierarchical societies) to foster actual interactions between these fields.

There will be 6 sessions organized around key questions related to "understanding VIOLENCE", in which presentations by invited speakers will be followed by a large discussion animated by a leading expert. There will be poster sessions and a round table that will include representatives from major international organizations with programs on violence and representatives from institutions that directly deal with violent individuals or with their victims. The language and level in speakers' presentations will be accessible to non-experts, as part of the common goal and effort for establishing a true communication among the different backgrounds and approaches.

Presentations and discussion will be in English.

The following topics will be included in the framework of different multidisciplinary sessions with the goal of 'understanding violence':

- Gene-environment interactions
- Stress-hormones and violence
- Brain Mechanisms and dynamics
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Modeling and virtual reality approaches

<http://latsis2009.epfl.ch/index.php?page=overview>

25-27 February 2009, Geneva/Switzerland

**Human Rights Council and International Criminal Court –
The New Challenges for Human Rights Communications**

The purpose of this Conference is to reflect upon how information about human rights can be communicated more effectively by NGOs to institutions such as the Human Rights Council (HRC) and its [Universal Periodic Review](#) (UPR) and to the [International Criminal Court](#) (ICC).

The conference gives the participants the opportunity to examine the latest standards, tools and techniques for managing and communicating human rights information, to express their needs, and exchange experiences and lessons learned in this area.

The Conference will bring together representatives of human rights organisations that are concerned with the collection, management and communication of information on human rights and human rights violations, as well as human rights advocates.

www.huridocs.org

10-12 May 2009, Bergen/Norway

World Social Science Forum

The ISSC has undertaken to regularly organize a World Social Science Forum (WSSF). These events will bring together major stakeholders in international social science co-operation to discuss substantive topics of world relevance and priorities for the future of international social science. They will stimulate dialogue across the disciplines, connect research and practice, and provide a platform for debate, exchange of experiences, innovative ideas and good practices.

The “red alert” captured succinctly the key reasons why the WSSF deserves priority:

- Social science will be examined across the many disciplinary and inter-science boundaries
- Several of the World’s leading thinkers will present their latest thinking
- The crucial issue for the Social Sciences is in focus: Whither Social Science in the 21st Century?
- Social Science’s engagement with the current “powers that be” (both government and business) across a wide range of pressing human and social issues will be a major theme.

http://www.unesco.org/ngo/issc/3_activities/3_worldforum.htm

16-21 March 2009, Dubrovnik/Croatia

**1ST INTERNATIONAL SUMMER COURSE (Inter-University Center) –
"Crime Prevention through Criminal Law & Security Studies"**

The international summer course 'Crime Prevention through Criminal Law & Security Studies' is consisted of expert lectures on current topics from the field of counter-terrorism. Based on the respective lectures given, the course is focused on 'learning by doing' approach, by fostering participant work in small groups, and on cases where the newly gained knowledge should be applied. The course takes a multidisciplinary approach towards the various topics concerning international terrorism and counter-terrorism.

<http://www.pravo.hr/KP/crimeprevention>

9-14 June 2009, Ohrid/Macedonia

16th Annual Symposium – "Policing, the Private Sector, Economic Development & Social Change: Contemporary Global Trends"

The International Police Executive Symposium (IPES) brings police researchers and practitioners together to facilitate cross-cultural, international and interdisciplinary exchanges for the enrichment of the policing profession. It encourages discussions and writing on challenging topics of contemporary importance through an array of initiatives including conferences and publications.

http://www.asc41.com/caw-cfp%20attachments/IPES_conference.pdf

29 June-1 July 2009, Cardiff/United Kingdom

**British Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2009 –
A "Mirror" or "Motor"? What is Criminology for?**

The title of the conference has been chosen to address the question outlined above, challenging participants to think about their criminological practice and the intentions that underpin the knowledge that they produce through their work. Do they conceive of their role as providing a 'mirror' to social reality that seeks to reflect as accurately as possible the conditions that are encountered in the contemporary social order? Alternatively, can and should criminologists adopt a more applied stance, wherein the knowledge generated through criminological research is conceived as a 'motor' of social change to advance key values of justice and security?

The substantive content of the meeting will be organized around the following 10 key themes:

- Public criminology and criminology's Publics;
- Community safety, regulation and governance;
- Serious and organised crime;
- Policing change and changing policing;
- Punishment, rehabilitation and social control;
- Young people, crime and justice;

- Alcohol, drugs and crime;
- Structures and processes in criminal justice;
- Representations and technologies of crime and crime control;
- Violent and property crime.

<http://bscconference2009.glam.ac.uk/>

29 June-12 July 2009, University of Catania/Italy
**ECPR Summer School on Organised Crime –
 Analysing and Tackling Organised Crime:
 Theory, Practice and Policies**

Opening Lecture by Dina Siegel, Professor of Criminology, Utrecht University, the Netherlands & President of the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime (IASOC) Guest Lecture by Jane Schneider, City University of New York, USA & Peter Schneider, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Fordham College Lincoln Center, New York, USA (authors of '*Culture and Political Economy in Western Sicily*' and '*Reversible Destiny, Mafia, Antimafia, and the Struggle for Palermo*').

Roundtables with: William Chambliss, Professor of Sociology, George Washington University, USA (author and editor of over fifteen books in the field of sociology of law, criminology and sociological theory including, '*Law, Order and Power*' (with Robert Seidman), '*On The Take: From Petty Thieves to Presidents*', '*Boxman: A Professional Thief's Journey*' (with Harry King), '*Making Law*' (with Marjorie Zatz) and '*Exploring Criminology*'; past President of the American Society of Criminology and the Society for the Study of Social Problems); Francisco Badenes, Federal Police Department, Ministry of Justice, Brazil (IALEIA 2004 Professional Service Awards 'for outstanding contributions as an intelligence analyst to the achievement of law enforcement objectives'; IPA 2006 World Police Prize), and many others...

Closing Lecture by Filippo Spiezia (Eurojust, The Netherlands)

http://www.asc41.com/caw-cfp%20attachments/ECPR_Info_Flyer.pdf

2-5 September 2009, Sorrento/Italy
**European Association of Psychology and Law Conference –
 Crime Victims and the Violation of Rights**

The theme of the 2009 EAPL conference is Crime victims and the violation of rights, though speakers are encouraged to present their work in all fields of psychology and law. We want to encourage contributions which describe developments designed to stimulate global and multidisciplinary approaches towards future research. The aim of the 2009 EAPL Conference is to provide a common forum for leading International authorities, young researchers, practitioners, research planners, to exchange thoughts and future perspectives on the themes of Civil cases, Decision making in forensic experts, Eyewitness evidence, False confessions, Forensic psychodiagnostics, policing, Juvenile delinquency, Lie detection, Malingering and

deception, Mental illness and offending, Offender profiling, Risk assessment, Psychopathy and Rehabilitation of offenders and especially on Victims.

http://www.sara-cesvis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=13&Itemid=100

9-12 September 2009, Ljubljana/Slovenia

9th Annual Conference of the ESC – European Society of Criminology

The ESC Conferences are definitively Europe no. 1 meeting point for eminent lecturers, researches and other professionals from the field of criminology. The 2009 organizing institutions agreed on devoting the utmost attention the dilemma of exploring the effectiveness of crime policy and protection of human rights. The crime policy has been facing today a major problem: whether or not a balance could be found between the standards of human rights protection in this area and the ever stronger demand for greater effectiveness which – as far as we know – could be achieved only at the expense of the previous.

<http://esc.sazu.si/>

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IV. European Security Conference Initiative (ESCI),

organized by the CEUSS Center for European Security Studies (<http://www.european-security.info>) taking place in autumn 2009, will be dedicated to the CPSI main theme “**Perception of security and fear of crime**”. Further information will be available at <http://www.esci.at> shortly. Please contact mail@esci.at for enquiries.