INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY

THE FIRST 15 YEARS
UP TO 2004

- Research activity at Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security.
- Biennial international conference CJS and C&E Europe (from 1996 onwards).
- 1997 – UN workshop on arms regulation.
- Thematic conferences on safety and security.
- Beginning of 2004 - Establishment of the Institute - development of research work and doctoral study at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security.
- Higher standards, candidacies for national and international projects.
- Involving students in research work and participation in conferences (USA, GB, SE Europe).
2004 – 2014

- International Conference CJS and C&E Europe, since 2004 in SSCI.
- Consultation in the field of criminal investigation (Anton Dvoršek, 2004–).
- Co-organisation of the European Society of Criminology conference (2009).
2004–2014 – CONTINUED

- Feelings of threat and the role of the police in local communities (2010–2012) and developing cooperation on EU projects (URBIS, EFUS, EEMUS, CEPOL).

- Handbook on Policing in Central and Eastern Europe (Springer, 2013) (the result of the 2009 agreement following the publication of the thematic issue of the Journal of Policing in SE Europe and Beyond).

- SAT/PADS+ and YOU PREV (Projects with the University of Cambridge and German partners) – test SAT and preliminary test for ISRD III.

- 2013–2016 (TRP Legality and legitimacy of policing, criminal justice and the enforcement of criminal sanctions) - results/publications mainly in the period after 2016.


- An overview of research institutions in the field of criminology in Europe (Meško, Čuvan and Slak, 2010) – the best list in Europe according to the ESC and CEPOL executive committees.
2004–2014, CONTINUED

• Legitimacy (2013–2016).
• Erasmus+ and COST projects - also in the period after 2015 (smaller applied projects and “coordinated actions” - “mentoring the less developed”, exchange of research results).
• Thematical issues of the Journal of Criminal Justice and Security Thematic figures on criminology in SE Europe, private security, fear of crime, professionalization of the security function, etc.
2015–2020

- International security projects
  - Water Crimes (EC), completion of book editing at Springer Publishing, 2020
  - Improdova (EC), domestic violence.
  - SHINE (EC), sexual violence.
  - Balkan Homicide Study.
  - Bilateral projects with the (USA, Russia, Croatia, Serbia).


- Research programme Safety and Security in Local Communities (2015–2018, 2019–2024), the beginning of the organization of annual national conferences on security in local communities, inclusion in international associations in the field of rural criminology, police activities, etc. Participation in the evaluation of the best prevention projects in the EU (2018) and in the CEPOL master’s program, also with mentorships with master’s theses and in Thesis Defence Committee. International Student Conference in Montenegro (from 2017 onwards).

- Cybersecurity (2018–2020), continuation of the pilot work from the beginning of the decade (Bernik and Meško, 2011) (to 30.3.2020).

- Plural policing (to 30.3.2020), Radicalisation (project holder FDV).

- Private security and systemic control of the police, 2020-2022.

- Cooperation with Balkan Criminology Network – participation of PhD students in summer schools, editing publications (2 books in progress - Victimology, Penology).

DOCTORAL STUDIES OF EMPLOYEES—STAFF DEVELOPMENT AFTER 2004

- **ERČULJ, Vanja.** Analiza diskusij spletnih podpornih skupin z metodami strojnega učenja za namen pridobivanja informacij o psiholoških vidikih zdravljenja, 2019. Co-mentors: Aleš Žiberna and Vislava Globevnik Velikonja
- **SLAK, Boštjan.** Vpetost organizirane kriminalitete v formalno ekonomijo - odkrivanje, preiskovanje in dokazovanje, 2019. Mentor: Bojan Dobovšek
- **HACIN, Rok.** Comparison of self-legitimacy of the prison staff and prisoner’s perceptions of prison staff legitimacy, 2018. Co-mentors: Gorazd Meško and Chuck Fields
- **PRISLAN, Kaja.** Večkriterijski model učinkovitosti informacijske varnosti v organizacijah, 2016. Mentor: Igor Bernik
- **MARKELJ, Blaž.** Gražnje informacijski varnosti pri rabi mobilnih naprav, 2014. Mentor: Igor Bernik
- **BUČAR-RUČMAN, Aleš.** Migracije in kriminaliteta, 2013. Co-mentors: Rastko Močnik and Gorazd Meško
- **MODIC (JERE), Maja.** Police officers’ and citizens’ attitudes toward the provision of safety/security in local communities in Slovenia, 2013. Co-mentors: Gorazd Meško and Mahesh Nalla
- **PAVŠIČ MREVLJE, Tinkara.** Simptomatika posttravmatskega stresa: osebnostno funkcioniranje in strategije spoprijemanja s problemskimi situacijami, 2013. Mentor: Peter Umek
- **FRANGEŽ, Daniela.** Kriminalistični vidiki odkrivanja in dokazovanja spolnih zlorab otrok: doktorska disertacija, 2012. Mentor: Anton Dvoršek
- **FLANDER, Benjamin.** Postmodernizem v filozofiji prava, 2010. Mentor: Miro Cerar
- **SOTLAR, Andrej.** Policija in zasebnovarnostna podjetja v procesu zagotavljanja notranje varnosti Republike Slovenije, 2007. Mentor: Gorazd Meško
- **AREH, Igor.** Vpliv osebnostnih značilnosti na verodostojnost pričanja, 2007. Mentor: Peter Umek
NETWORKING AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

- European Society of Criminology (ESC) (working group for university programmes, 2004-2018), Executive Board membership, presidency, nominations for best junior researcher article.

- GERN – Groupement Européen de Recherches sur les Normativités (European research group of research into norms) (2004–membership of the executive committee, organization and lectures at PhD schools).

- American Society of Criminology (ASC) (active membership in Division of International Criminology, Division of Rural Criminology, Divisition of policing, nominations for the highest awards).

- Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (2009–, after a visit by American colleagues to FVV).

- PhD programme of the The Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan (2010–; joint contributions and visits to members of the scientific council of the PhD programme, e.g. Ernesto Savona, UNICAT, Dina Siegel, University of Utrecht, NL; Marcelo Aebi, UNIL- Lausanne, Switzerland; David Wall, U of Leeds, UK, etc.).

- Research - joint projects - bilaterals within ARRS (USA, Michigan, Arizona State, EKU; Russia, MGU-Lomonosov, Cuban University, Krasnodar; Serbia, University of Belgrade; Croatia, Croatian Studies/etc.)

- (Co)organisation of international conferences – CJS and C&E Europe, ESC, Central European Cybersecurity.
ERASMUS+ EXCHANGES AND LECTURES ABROAD - SOME EXCELLENT PUBLICATIONS AS A RESULT OF EXCHANGES OF HIGHER EDUCATION STAFF

- University of La Laguna, Spain - publication in their journal (Dr. Tičar); professor Capote - a chapter in a book on crime and water (Springer, 2020).

- Cyprus 2019 - publication in a book at an international publisher in Germany (2020 - autumn) and a chapter in a book on crime and water (Springer, 2020).

- Russia from 2011 onwards - cooperation with Moscow State University - Lomonosov - several joint publications in bilateral projects, return of a member on basic criminologies in Russian). Publication in the first criminological journal in Russia - an article on comparative criminology and Slovenian criminology.

- Japan – publications in journals (Bučar).

- United Kingdom, University of Cambridge, Erasmus + lectures 2011, 2 projects, several high-profile publications (European Journal of Criminology, book by Springer); other universities in the UK - publications in the field of forensic psychology, policing, etc.).
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Article by dr. Bojan Dobovšek, who received the Award for Excellence 2009 (highly commended paper) from the Emerald Literati Network: Economic organized crime networks and emerging democracies and was published in the International Journal of Social Economics 9-10/2008;


Research on the importance of terminology in the field of sexual exploitation of children, conducted by dr. Danijela Frangež carried out in cooperation with police experts from Slovenia, Norway, Finland, Great Britain, Poland and Europol. The results were published in the Journal of Criminal Investigation and Criminology 4/2015.
• **IMPRODOVA** (*Improving Frontline Responses to High Impact Domestic Violence*) is a research project funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 program (H20202), coordinated at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security by prof. dr. Branko Lobnikar.

• **RadCePro – Radicalisation and comprehensive countermeasures in Slovenia**, led jointly by the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security and the Faculty of Social Sciences, and addresses the current issue of radicalization, which leads to violence and its management in Slovenian society.

• **Strategic development innovation partnership smart cities and communities (SRIP PMiS)** – The Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security is a member of a consortium coordinated by the Institute Jožef Stefan, and funded by the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology and the European Union. As part of this project, FVV UM for the economy conducted an applied research on the **possibility of introducing innovative new technologies in the field of security**. Assoc. prof. dr. Kaja Prislan is an elected representative of the members of the Security vertical, and a member of the Program Council from research organisations.
Benjamin Flander

Bojan Tičar

Lana Cvikl


CHAIR OF CRIMINOLOGY


Part of a project (2016-2016) on legality and legitimacy - enforcement of criminal sanctions - 11 publications in SSCI journals - on legitimacy and self-perception of legitimacy in prisons and the book - mentioned above.

Reisig and Meško 2009 – article on legitimacy in prisons in Psychology, Crime and Law - the most cited article on Slovenian prisons in SSCI/Scopus in the field of prison environment studies since 2009.


• Thematic issue of the *Journal of Criminal Investigation and Criminology* on the 70th anniversary of the publication of the magazine (2019, in Slovene) and a thematic issue on rural and urban safety and security perspectives (2019/5, English issue).


- **AREH, Igor.** Gender-related differences in eyewitness testimonies. Personality and Individual Differences. 2011/5. (IF = 1.877)

- **MEŠKO, Gorazd, TOMINC, Bernarda, SOŠIJA, Andrej.** Urban security management in the capitals of the former Yugoslav republics. European journal of criminology. 2013/3. (IF = 1.341)

- **FLANDER, Benjamin, MEŠKO, Gorazd.** Penal and prison policy on the "sunny side of the Alps": the swan song of Slovenian exceptionalism. European journal on criminal policy and research. 2016/4. (IF = 2.000)
GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES OF SOME COLLEAGUES FROM ABROAD WHO HAVE ENRICHED OUR RESEARCH WORK OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS
Outstanding personalities and personal networks are the backbone of academic exchange programs all over the world. We at Criminology at Keele University, UK, were lucky to know such a personality when we set up an EU/ Australia exchange programme on “Governance and Security: Challenges for Policing in the 21st century” from 2006 to 2009. Meško and his team were the right persons to make the exchange between two continents, four countries, seven universities, and with teachers and students with three different languages (English, French and Slovene) not only happen, but a sounding success for all involved. Students, where Professor Meško had assembled a team of highly motivated and gifted young researchers and lecturers was the right place for students and lecturers from Australia, the UK and France to learn and teach in our cutting-edge programme. The summer school on “Post-conflict Policing” that he organised in beautiful Piran was THE highlight of the whole programme and a MODEL SUMMER SCHOOL, and students and lecturers alike still have the most wonderful memories of learning, teaching and having fun together. Thank you all, colleagues from the UM-FCJS.
So happy to hear your Institute is celebrating its 15 anniversary. What a milestone. Something to be very proud of, as an important international partner in the study of criminology and criminal justice. The dedicated work of you and your colleagues serves as a reflection of your deep commitment to matters of justice. The collegiality and expert work of your Institute, makes you a valued partner in shaping the future of criminology. Not to talk about your PhD students who attended meetings and presented their papers. Great!
I have had the opportunity and it has been my distinct pleasure to be associated with the University of Maribor's Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security for more than a decade. We have worked together in numerous contexts over this time period. Representatives from the FCJS have come to the United States to collaborate with our faculty there, to lecture at various institutions on our side of the pond, and to participate in the meetings of various professional associations, including I might particularly add, the meetings of the American Society of Criminology. We in turn have come to the University of Maribor to lecture, to collaborate, and to participate in professional meetings sponsored by the FCJS. One most memorable event organized by the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security was the 2009 Annual Meetings of the European Society of Criminology. Those meetings attracted participants from some 50 countries, and placed the University of Maribor's FCJS program onto the global map in the field of criminology. The institute, which remarkably began just 15 years ago, has experienced tremendous growth and development over this time frame. It has become a major international research player in our field. The faculty and staff of the FCJS can be most proud...and we all know that this star will continue to burn brighter and brighter.
I met Gorazd Mesko in 2006, when he joined the Board of the European Society of Criminology. Seldom could I imagine then that he will become one of the organizers of the Ljubljana ESC conference of 2009 and, later, the President of the Society. As time went by, we concluded an agreement between our Universities that allowed us to exchange professors and students, and hopefully we will continue to enrich ourselves throughout this exchanges in the future. It is always a pleasure to work with Gorazd and his collaborators, and I have always enjoyed the hospitality of Slovenian people. Congratulations on the 15 years of the institute and the cheers to the success of the research conducted there!
JOHN WINTERDYK, FULL PROFESSOR OF CRIMINOLOGY
MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY, CANADA

I had the pleasure to first meet Prof. Meško and some of his colleagues in the late 1990s while touring the region on a criminal justice study tour with my students. In the ensuing years, I also became a founding member of the Balkan Criminology Society and my connection and familiarity with the work and research emanating from the region and the Institute became quite familiar to me. The volume and richness of scholarly work being produced at the Institute of Criminal Justice and Security are truly impressive - especially when one realizes that Slovenia is a small country and the department is modest in size. The Institute is THE epicentre for criminal justice, criminological, and security-based inquiry for the region. Therefore, I would like to congratulate Prof. Meško, his colleagues, and students not only for the exceptional scholarship they have produced but also on how the Institute has flourished into a highly reputable 'think thank' within the international criminology/criminal justice community. I congratulate you on your achievements over the past 15-years and look forward to your continued growth and impact in the years ahead.
Congratulations to the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security on their 15th Anniversary! The twenty-year relationship between Eastern Kentucky University and the Faculty (and its predecessor) has been important, both to my institution and to me personally. What began as informal student and faculty visits to our respective institutions, has gradually evolved into several collaborative research efforts and more formal relations. In addition to two edited books, co-editorship of the journal VARSTVOSLOVJE, and numerous scholarly co-publications and presentations, I and a number of EKU colleagues have been regular participants at the biennial conference hosted by the Faculty. While the last couple of decades have just been incredible, the future promises even more!
The MSU Faculty of Law is most delighted to have a long and stable cooperation with FCJS-UM. This exchange has proved to be fruitful and mutually beneficial.

Over the years, we have had all forms of academic exchange: academic visits of professors and students, joint research projects, conferences and seminars. It is not only academic, but also cultural exchange, a small, but important contribution to Russia-Slovenia relations.
The work of Gorazd Meško and colleagues at the Institute of Criminal Justice and Security at the University of Maribor has been wide-ranging, exciting and inspirational. A lot has been accomplished in the 15 years since its establishment, including in the area of green criminology. The Institute has been instrumental in bringing environmental crime to the foreground of research and scholarly concern in South Eastern Europe, and the continued interest in matters such as water crimes illustrates the ongoing contributions of the Institute in dealing with real world problems encompassing social and ecological justice. I heartily congratulate the Institute for its extensive and innovative work to date, and I wish it all the best in the years to come.
Dear Prof. Meško,

I visited today however you are still swimming. was the month at firm not sufficient?!

Just wanted the to say thank you for hosting this program and for your enthusiasm, knowledge and exciting stories. I speak on behalf of all the Australians in expressing our appreciation for your efforts.

I'd like to wish you all the best in the faculty and in introducing criminology in the great Balkan region.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for this project and the fact I chose Slovenia, best experience of my life.

Ja Sam... very happy to have studied here,

Hvala,

Andrew Sauerwein, "Rare bird"