

GORAZD MEŠKO HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE

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.
- 2000 Criminal Justice and Security Days.
- 1999 Journal of Criminal Justice and Security.
- Council of Europe Responses to violence in everyday life in a democratic society (2002–2004).
- GERN 2002 membership in the Management Board.
- Beginning of 2004 Establishment of the Institute development of research work and doctoral study at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security.
- CRIMPREV project preparation 2004–2006 (steering group).
- 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 International Society of Criminology conference (Paris, 2004) - 1st Societies of Criminology Key Issues Conference, Paris, May 13 - 15, 2004. Paris, 2004.
- Participation of undergraduate students at the "International Society of Criminology conference" in Philadelphia (2005).
- Daphne projects on violence(EK, 2004–2007) Project EU-Australia (2006–2009).
- Project CRIMPREV (2006–2009).
- Co-organisation of the European Society of Criminology conference (2009).
- Ecological crime multidisciplinary perspectives (2009–2012) and NATO ARW project and book by Springer: Understanding and managing threats to the environment in SE Europe (2011).

2004-2014 - CONTINUED

- Feelings of threats 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 YOUPREV (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.
- ARIEL—Assessing the risk of the infiltration of organized crime in EU MSS legitimate (EK, 2013–2015).
- 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

- SAT/PADS+ (2009–2006).
- URBIS (2012–2014).
- YOUPREV (2012–2014).
- Legitimacy (2013–2016).
- BC network (Max Planck, Freiburg) (2013–2019).
- 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).
- Legitimacy publication of a book by Springer Publishing (ed. Meško & Tankebe, 2015) authors of chapters FVV colleagues and a book on the duality of legitimacy in Slovenian prisons (Springer, Hacin and Meško, 2020).
- 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).
- PhD summer school GERN 2018 FVV (book by Maklu Publishers, 2020).

DOCTORAL STUDIES OF EMPLOYEES— STAFF DEVELOPMENT AFTER 2004

- <u>ERČULJ, Vanja.</u> 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
- <u>SLAK, Boštjan</u>. Vpetost organizirane kriminalitete v formalno ekonomijo odkrivanje, preiskovanje in dokazovanje, 2019. Mentor: Bojan Dobovšek
- <u>HACIN, Rok</u>. Comparison of self-legitimacy of the prison staff and prisoner's perceptions of prison staff legitimacy, 2018. Comparison: Gorazd Meško in Chuck Fields
- PRISLAN, Kaja. Večkriterijski model učinkovitosti informacijske varnosti v organizacijah, 2016. Mentor: Igor Bernik
- MARKELJ, Blaž. Grožnje informacijski varnosti pri rabi mobilnih naprav, 2014. Mentor: Igor Bernik
- <u>BUČAR-RUČMAN, Aleš</u>. *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
- <u>PAVŠIČ MREVLJE, Tinkara</u>. Simptomatika posttravmatskega stresa: osebnostno funkcioniranje in strategije spoprijemanja s problemskimi situacijami, 2013. Mentor: Peter Umek
- <u>EMAN, Katja</u>. *Crimes against the environment comparative criminology and criminal justice perspectives,* 2012. Co-mentors Gorazd Meško and Chuck Fields
- <u>FRANGEŽ, Danijela</u>. *Kriminalistični vidiki odkrivanja in dokazovanja spolnih zlorab otrok: doktorska disertacija*, 2012. Mentor: Anton Dvoršek
- <u>FLANDER, Benjamin</u>. *Postmodernizem v filozofiji prava*, 2010. Mentor: Miro Cerar
- <u>SOTLAR, Andrej</u>. *Policija in zasebnovarnostna podjetja v procesu zagotavljanja notranje varnosti Republike Slovenije*, 2007. Mentor: Gorazd Meško
- <u>AREH, Igor</u>. *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, Disivision 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.).

CHAIR OF SOCIAL STUDIES, HUMANITIES, AND METHODOLOGY

	Achievement	Authors	Year	Description of achievement
1.	1.16 Independent Professional Component Part or a Chapter in a	AREH, Igor, ZGAGA MARKELJ, Sabina, FLANDER, Benjamin	2016	Police interrogation of suspects in Slovenia. V: WALSH, David (ur.), et al. International developments and practices in investigative interviewing and interrogation.
	Monograph			Volume 2, Suspects. London; Abingdon; New York: Routledge, 2016. Str. 204-214. Routledge frontiers of criminal justice, 31. ISBN 978-1-138-78175-7, ISBN 978-1-315-76967-7. [COBISS.SI-ID 3016682]
2.	2.01 Scientific Monograph	BAIĆ, Valentina, AREH, Igor	2015	Detekcija laganja. Beograd: Sinapsa edicije, 2015. 271 str., ilustr. ISBN 978-86-89745-28-3. [COBISS.SI-ID 3062762]
3.	2.01 Scientific Monograph	BUČAR-RUČMAN, Aleš	2014	Migracije in kriminaliteta: pogled čez meje stereotipov in predsodkov, (Zbirka Migracije, 24). 1. izd. Ljubljana: Založba ZRC SAZU, 2014. 511 str., ilustr. ISBN 978-961-254-754-7. [COBISS.SI-ID 277053952]
4.	1.16 Independent Professional Component Part or a Chapter in a Monograph	ŠIFRER, Jerneja, MEŠKO, Gorazd, BREN, Matevž	2015	Assessing validity of different legitimacy constructs applying structural equation modeling. V: MEŠKO, Gorazd (ur.), TANKEBE, Justice (ur.). Trust and legitimacy in criminal justice: European perspectives. Cham [etc.]: Springer. cop. 2015, str. 161-187, tabele, graf. prikazi. [COBISS.SI-ID 2892522], [Scopus do 28. 6. 2019: št. citatov (TC): 2, čistih citatov (CI): 2]

CHAIR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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 criminal investigation aspects of child sexual abuse evidence detection and collection in Slovenia, conducted by dr. Danijela Frangež (doctoral dissertation) and was published in the Journal of Criminal Investigation and Criminology 1/2013 and 3/2013, in the Journal Kriminalistik 11/2012, in the Journal of Criminalistic Theory and Practice 4/2016 and in conference proceedings;

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.

CHAIR OF POLICING AND SECURITY STUDIES

CHAIR OF LAW

Benjamin Flander

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*, ISSN 0928-1371, 2016, vol. 22, iss. 4, str. 565-591, doi:10.1007/s10610-015-9299-1. [COBISS.SI-ID 3077610].

Bojan Tičar

TIČAR, Bojan. *Uvod v razumevanje upravnega prava in javne uprave*. 1. izd. Maribor: Univerzitetna založba Univerze, 2019. 260 str., ISBN 978-961-286-239-8, doi: 10.18690/978-961-286-239-8. [COBISS.SI-ID 96188417].

Lana Cvikl

CVIKL, Lana, AMBROŽ, Matjaž. *Pravice v zaporu: pregled in ovrednotenje sodne prakse Evropskega sodišča za človekove pravice*. Ljubljana: Pravna fakulteta: Inštitut za kriminologijo pri Pravni fakulteti, 2017. 252 str. ISBN 978 961-6447-69-0.

CHAIR OF INFORMATION SECURITY

- BERNIK, Igor. Cybercrime and cyberwarfare, (Focus series). London: ISTE; Hoboken: Wiley, 2014. IX, 165 str., ISBN 978-1-84821-671-6.
- CHOI, SeEun, MARTINS, Jorge Tiago, BERNIK, Igor. Information security: listening to the perspective of organisational insiders. *Journal of information science*, ISSN 1741-6485. [Online ed.], 2018, vol. 44, iss. 6, str. 752-767.
- MARKELJ, Blaž, ZGAGA MARKELJ, Sabina. Comprehension of cyber threats and their consequences in Slovenia. Computer law & security review: the international journal of technology law and practice, ISSN 2212-473X, June 2016, vol. 32, no. 3, str. 513-525.
- VRHOVEC, Simon, TRKMAN, Marina, KUMER, Aleš, KRISPER, Marjan, VAVPOTIČ, Damjan. Outsourcing as an economic development tool in transition economies: scattered global software development. *Information technology for development*, ISSN 0268-1102, 2015, vol. 21, no. 3, str. 445-459.
- VRHOVEC, Simon, HOVELJA, Tomaž, VAVPOTIČ, Damjan, KRISPER, Marjan. Diagnosing organizational risks in software projects: Stakeholder resistance. *International journal of project management*, ISSN 0263-7863. [Print ed.], Aug. 2015, vol. 33, iss. 6, str. 1262-1273.
- MIHELIČ, Anže, JEVŠČEK, Matej, VRHOVEC, Simon, BERNIK, Igor. Testing the human backdoor: organizational response to a phishing campaign. *Journal for universal computer science*, ISSN 0948-6968, 2019, vol. 25, no. 11, str. 1458-1477.

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Water Crimes project (EC), book by Springer Publishing, 2020.



Monographs: <u>HACIN, Rok, MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>. The dual nature of legitimacy in the prison environment: an inquiry in Slovenian prisons, (SpringerBriefs in Criminology). Cham: Springer, cop. 2020. XXIII, 96 str., ISBN 978-3-030-32842-9, in <u>EMAN, Katja, MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>. Environmental crime and criminology: crime phenomena and development of a green criminology in Slovenia. Saarbrücken: Scholar's Press, 2014. 188 str., ISBN 978-3-639-66026-5 (predviden prevod v 8 jezikov).



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.

COLLECTIVE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Proceedings Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe (biennial conference, other editions as well that are the result of this conference) Thematic issues of journals (guest editors and Slovenian authors) Policing An International Journal of Police Strategies and management (2009); The Prison Journal Imprisonment in Slovenia (2011), Crime, Law and Social Change (2013).
- Understanding and managing threats of the Environment in SE Europe (Springer, 2011), Handbook on Policing in Central and Eastern Europe (Springer, 2013), Trust and Legitimacy in Criminal Justice: European Perspectives (Springer, 2015).
- 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).
- Thematic issues of the Journal of Criminal Justice and Security: Development of criminology in SE Europe (2008), Private security (2009/2), Prisoner rehabilitation (2010/2), Policing in SE Europe (2011/2), Fear of Crime in SE Europe (2012/4), Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe (2013/2), Youprev (2013/4), Trust and legitimacy (2014/4), Security professions and professionalisation (2018/3; issue 20).

A"—RANKING REGARDING THE IF OF THE JOURNAL AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLE

VRHOVEC, Simon, HOVELIA, Tomaž, VAVPOTIČ, Damjan, KRISPER, Marjan. Diagnosing organizational risks in software projects: Stakeholder resistance. International journal of project management. Aug. 2015 (IF = 2.885)

<u>BUČAR-RUČMAN, Aleš.</u> Questioning social solidarity through the perspective of parking violations in spaces reserved for disabled people. *Current sociology, December 2019.* (IF=1.746) NALLA, Mahesh, <u>MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>, <u>MODIC</u>, <u>Maja</u>. Assessing police-community relationships: is there a gap in perceptions between police officers and residents?. *Policing & society*, 2018/3. (*IF=1.448*)

BERNIK, Igor, PRISLAN, Kaja. Measuring information security performance with 10 by 10 model for holistic state evaluation. *PloS one.* 2016/9. (IF =2.806)

TOPOLŠEK, Darja, <u>AREH. Igor</u>, CVAHTI OJSTERŠEK, Tina. Examination of drive detection of roadside traffic signs and advertisements using eye tracking. *Transportation research*. Nov. 2016. (IF=1.830)

AREH, Igor, WALSH, Dave, BULL, Ray. Police interrogation practice in Slovenia Psychology, crime & law. 2016/5. (IF=1.408)

HIRTENLEHNER, Helmut, PAUWELS, Lieven, <u>MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>. Is the criminogenic effect of exposure to peer delinquency dependent on the ability to exercise self-control?: results from three countries. *Journal of criminal justice*, Nov Dec. 2015. (IF = 2.766)

HACIN, Rok, MEŠKO, Gorazd. Prisoners' perception of legitimacy of the prison staff: a qualitative study in Slovene prisons. International journal of offender therapy and comparative criminology, 2018/13. (IF = 1.871)

HIRTENLEHNER, Helmut, PAUWELS, Lieven, <u>MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>. Is the effect of perceived deterrence on juvenile offending contingent on the level of selfcontrol?: results from three countries. *The British journal of criminology*, Jan. 2014/ 1.

REISIG, Michael Dean, <u>MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>. Procedural justice, legitimacy, and prisoner misconduct. *Psychology, crime & law*, 2009/1. (*IF=0.771*)

CHOI, SeEun, MARTINS, Jorge Tiago, <u>BERNIK, Igor</u>. Information security: listening to the perspective of organisational insiders. *Journal of information science*. 2018/6. (IF =2.327)

AREH, Igor. Gender-related differences in eyewitness testimony. Personality and Individual Differences, 2011/5, (IF = 1,877)

MEŠKO, Gorazd, TOMINC, Bernarda, SOTLAR, Andrej. Urban security management in the capitals of the former Yugoslav republics. European journal of criminology 2013/3. (IF=1.141) MARKELJ, Blaž, ZGAGA MARKELJ, Sabina. Comprehension of cyber threats and their consequences in Slovenia. Computer law & security review: the international journal of technology law and practice. 2016/3. (IF=0.983)

HACIN, Rok, FIELDS, Charles B., MEŠKO. Gorazd. The self-legitimacy of prison staff in Slovenia. European journal of criminology, Januar 2019. (IF =2.211) HIRTENLEHNER, Helmut, <u>MEŠKO, Gorazd</u>. The compensatory effects of inner and outer controls. European journal of criminology. Dec. 2018. (IF =2.211) MEŠKO, Gorazd, MODIC, Maja. Crime, criminal justice and criminology in Slovenia. European journal of criminology, 2012/3. (IF=1.017) 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.

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SUSANNE KARSTEDT, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA



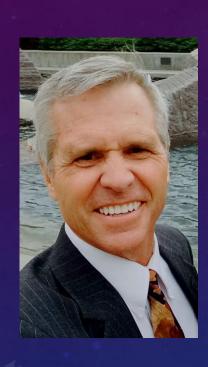
Outstanding personalities and personal networks are the backbone of academic exchange programs all over the world. We at Criminology at Keele University, UK, were lucky to know such a personality when we set up an EU/ Australia exchange programme on "Governance and Security: Challenges for Policing in 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.

JACK GREENE NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, USA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ADPCCJ



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!

CHRIS ESKRIDGE, DIRECTOR, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY



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.

MARCELO AEBI, ECOLE SCIENCE CRIMINELLE, LAUSANNE



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.

CHUCK FIELDS, EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



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 the last couple of decades have just been incredible, the future promises even more!

GLEB BOGUSH, MSU-LOMONOSOV, MOSCOW, RUSSIA



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.

ROB WHITE, UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA



The work of Gorazd Meško and colleagues at the Institute of Criminal Justice and Security at the University of Maribor has been wideranging, 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.





A THANK YOU NOTE FROM AN AUSTRALIAN STUDENT



Dear Prof. Mesko,

I visited today however you are still swimming. was the month at firm not sufficient? Just wanted the to say thonkyon for hosting this Program and for your enthusiam, knowledge and exciting stories. I speak on behalf of all the fustralians 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 Stovenan Best experience of my life. Ja Sam ... very happy to have studied here Hvala,

Andrew Saure mostos, "Rare bird"