**Slovenian American Hybrid Academic Symposium: Sustainable development goals and provision of safety and security - think globally, solve locally**

**Date: 11th April 2024**

**Time: 15.30 - 18.00 CET (9.30 -12.30 EST)**

**Venue: Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security (Classroom 8), Kotnikova 8, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia**

**15.30 - 15.45 Introduction and welcome speeches (Classroom 8)**

Igor Bernik Ph.D., Dean, Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security

Jeremy Jewett, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States of America

Marinka Žitnik, Ph.D. Director, ASEF Institute for Education and Research

**15.45 - 16.30 Importance of the comparative criminology and criminal justice studies for better security (Classroom 8)**

Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, Ph.D. and Gorazd Meško, Ph.D.

**SANJA KUTNJAK IVKOVICH, Ph.D.**

Michigan State University, Professor, School of Criminal Justice

Sanja Kutnjak Ivković is Professor at the School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. She holds a doctorate in criminology and a doctorate in law. Dr. Kutnjak Ivković is has served as Chair of the American Society of Criminology International Division (2017-2019; 2019-2021), as Vice Chair (2009-2011) and Chair (2011-2013) of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

International Section, and is a co-founder and co-chair of the Law and Society Association Collaborative Research Network on Lay Participation. As a great scholar, Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich has significantly contributed to the development of comparative criminology and criminal justice studies in Slovenia and in the region of Southeastern Europe, and beyond.

**GORAZD MEŠKO, Ph.D.**

Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Gorazd Meško is Professor of Criminology and Head of Chair of Criminology at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor. His recent edited books planned to be published in 2024 include SDGs, crime, crime prevention and security (with S. Kutnjak-Ivkovich and R. Hacin), and Rural Criminology - Continental Perspectives (with M. Bowden) and a special issue of Policing - International journal (with M. Bowden). He received the Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award of the Division of International Criminology, American Society of Criminology in 2022 and the Gerhard O.W. Mueller Award of International Section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in 2024 for comparative and international criminology and criminal justice research.

**16.30 - 17.00 Available support mechanisms for SI-USA academic collaboration (Classroom 8)**

→ Embassy of the United States of America (US Fulbright Program, Study Abroad)

→ ASEF (ASEF Junior Fellowships)

→ CMEPIUS (Erasmus+)

→ ARIS (Bilateral collaboration calls)

→ Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (Krže funds)

**16.45 - 17.00 Break**

**17.15 - 18.00 Breakout sessions (Classroom 8 and 6)**

Debates and contributions about the bellow written topics.

→ Session 1 (led by Katja Eman, Ph.D.): The future of rural criminology (Classroom 8)

→ Session 2 (led by Rok Hacin, Ph.D.): Sustainable Development Goals: Safety and security (Classroom 6)

**18.00 - 18.15 Closing remarks and summary of the sessions (ASEF) (Classroom 8)**

**18.15 - 19.00 Informal gathering**