

**15th biennial international conference *Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe: New Risks, Crime, Policing, Courts, Prisons and Security in the Post-COVID-19 Times - Challenges and Opportunities – (a preliminary programme as of 2 June 2025)***

**Time: 8–10 September 2025**

**Conference venue: City hotel, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

**Day 1, Monday, 8 September 2025**

*09.00–09.20 Opening of the conference and welcome addresses*

*Chair: Katja Eman*

**Igor Bernik, Dean of the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor  
Others - TBA**

*09.20–09.40 On the Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe Conference – 15 International Biennial Conferences So Far (1996–2025)*

**Past, Present, and Future – Introductory Reflections**  
Gorazd Meško

*09.40–10.30 Plenary session I. – Living in a Fast-Changing World Full of Uncertainties*  
*Chair: Rok Hacin*

**Abrupt Changes and Long-Term Transformations**  
Rastko Močnik

**Unpacking the Security Discourse and Perceptions of Threats in Western Societies**  
Aleš Bučar Ručman

Discussant: Zoran Kanduč

**10.30–10.45 Break (a group photo)**

*10.45–12.15 Plenary session II. – Comparative Criminology, Criminal Justice and Security Studies*  
*Chair: Katja Eman*

**European Comparative Criminology: Bridging Insights Between Western and Central/Eastern Regions**  
Marcelo F. Aebi

**A Comparative Approach to Policing During the COVID-19 Pandemic: On Experiences and Lessons Learned**  
Sanja Kutnjak Ivković

**Security Fields Pre- and Post-COVID-19: Some Conceptual, Empirical and Practical Challenges**  
Matt Bowden

**The Changing Security Sector – Decentralised, Pluralised and Privatised but Still Effective and Accountable?**  
Andrej Sotlar

Discussant: Rok Hacin

## **12.15–13.20 Lunch Break**

### ***13.20–14.10 Plenary session III. – Cyber Criminology and Cyber Security***

***Chair: Rok Hacin***

#### **The Cybercrime Ecosystem: The Challenges of New Pathways into Cybercrime**

David Wall

#### **Advanced Cybersecurity: The Interaction in the Future Digital Society, Digital Inclusion, and Cyber Resilience**

Igor Bernik

Discussant: Uroš Svete

## **Break: 14.10–14.20**

### ***14.20–15.50 Plenary IV. – Criminal Justice Research, Policymaking and Practice***

***Chair: Katja Eman***

#### **Bridging the Gap between Police Science and Police Practice: Police Leaders' Perspective**

Krunoslav Borovec, Sanja Kutnjak Ivković

#### **An Overview of Research on Legitimacy and Self-legitimacy in Slovenian Police and Prisons**

Rok Hacin

#### **The Rift between Science and Policy and How to Overcome It**

Chris Eskridge

#### **Different Stakeholders in Assessing the Performance, Efficiency, and Quality of Police Organizations**

Branko Lobnikar

Discussant: Gorazd Meško

## **15.50–16.05 Break**

## **16.05–17.35 Panels I–III**

### ***Panel 1 – Legal Perspectives of Criminal Justice and Security***

***Chair: Bojan Tičar***

#### **Implementation of GDPR in Slovenian Higher Education**

Mojca Tancer Verboten, Kristina Pavli, Miha Dvojmoč

#### **Dusk of Lay Judges in Czech Criminal Proceedings?**

David Čep

#### **Confiscation of Unexplained Wealth – Necessity or Threat?**

Jan Provazník

#### **Criminal Law Responses to Environmental Offences in the Republic of Serbia**

Aleksandar Stevanović

#### **Transition of Petty Crimes into Misdemeanours Against Public Order**

Bojan Tičar, Gal Pastirk, Andreja Primec

***Panel 2 – Deviance, Delinquency, Crime and Crime Prevention I.***

***Chair: Branko Lobnikar***

**Different Faces of Victimization of Asian Migrant Workers in Croatia**

Sanja Kutnjak Ivković, Valerio Bačak, Irena Cajner Mraović, Krunoslav Borovec, Marica Marinović Golubić, Ivan Perković

**Modus Operandi of Serial Killers: A Criminal Psychology Perspective**

Paweł Ożga

**Mobile Apps as Tools for Preventing Sexual Violence in Nightlife**

Tinkara Bulovec, Katja Eman

**Crime, Policing, and Voter Turnout in Chicago's 2023 and 2019 Mayoral Elections**

Bill McCarthy, John Hagan, Daniel Herda

**Measuring Elder Abuse in Slovenia: Insights from Caregivers' Perspectives**

Teja Primc, Branko Lobnikar, Kaja Prislan Mihelič

***Panel 3 – Deviance, Delinquency, Crime and Crime Prevention II.***

***Chair: Vanja Erčulj***

**Integrity and Independence of Criminal Justice in Western Balkans**

Ugleša Ugi Zvekić, Ioannis Vlassis

**Hand Car Washes as Locations of Modern Slavery in England**

James Hunter

**Drawing Conclusions Using the iSquare Protocol to Examine Public Attitudes Toward Sex Offenders**

Sasha Goodwin

**Attitudes Towards Intimate Partner Violence: Gender and Environmental Differences in Slovenia**

Vanja Erčulj

**18.15–20.15 Reception hosted by Dean Igor Bernik**

**Day 2, Tuesday, 9 September 2025**

***09.00–10.30 Plenary V. – Criminal Investigation – The Central Theme of Policing?***

***Chair: Danijela Frangež***

**The Role and Reliability of Forensic Techniques in Criminal Investigation**

Željko Karas

**Criminal Investigation in the Digital Age – Gathering and Handling Electronic Evidence**

Benjamin Flander

**Criminal Investigation in Slovenia: Challenges, Best Practices and Emerging Threats**

Danijela Frangež

Discussant: Mitja Jager

**10.30–10.45 Break**

***10.45–12.10 Plenary session VI. – Green Criminology and Protection of the Environment***  
***Chair: Katja Eman***

**Crimes that Affect the Environment and Security**  
Tanya Wyatt

**Greening Justice: Ecojustice and Remedying Environmental Harm**  
Angus Nurse

**Impact of Organized Environmental Criminal Groups on the Safety of Slovenia**  
Benjamin Franca

**Green Criminology Goes Rural – Have Environmental Crimes and Harms in Rural Communities Been Ignored in the Past?**  
Katja Eman

Discussant: TBA

**12.10–13.10 Lunch Break**

**13.10–14.40 Panels IV–V**

***Panel 4 – Security, Private and Corporate Security***  
***Chair: Anže Mihelič***

**Evaluation of the Local Challenges in Predicting Large-Scale Security Events**  
Anže Mihelič, Dejan Lavbič, Sandi Gec

**The Future of Private Security in Slovenia: What the Science Says?**  
Andrej Sotlar, Miha Dvojmoč, Maja Modic, Bernarda Tominc

**Training Active Shooter Response in Non-US Jurisdictions: Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
J. Pete Blair, Amer Smailbegović, Andrew Brown

**Providing Active Shooter Response Training to Civilians and Educational Institutions**  
Amer Smailbegović, J. Pete Blair, Mirzo Selimić

**Cross-Sectoral Cooperation Approach as a Crisis Management Solution**  
Dejan Pavlović, Valentina Kubale Dvojmoč, Miha Dvojmoč

**The Recurrent Ritualisation of Surveillance in India: Anatomising the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022**  
Konina Mandal

***Panel 5 – Prisons and Penal Sanctions***  
***Chair: Rok Hacin***

**The Roles of Offenders in THB in Greece: Prison Insights**  
Christiana Aposkiti, Alexandros Arfaras, Freideriki Makri, Dimitris Androulakis, Anastasios Valvis

**Improving Prison Quality of Life Through Security Staff-Prisoner Relations**  
Teodora Gojković, Olivera Pavićević

**Institutional Factors and Support in Prison Security Climate in Serbia**  
Milena Milićević

**Prison and Probation: Media Narratives in the Croatian Context**

Martina Pleško

**A Comprehensive Review of Legitimacy Studies in the Prison Environment**

Zala Osterc, Gorazd Meško, Rok Hacin

**Existing Problems and New Challenges for the Croatian Prison System**

Marija Đuzel

**14.40–14.55 Break**

**14.55–16.30 Panels VI–VII**

***Panel 6 – Deviance, Criminology of Place & Cybercriminology***

***Chair: Yarin Eski***

**Data First Project: Linked Administrative Justice Data Research Opportunities and Policy Insights**

Andromachi Tseloni

**Beyond the Urban Lens: Rethinking Crime and Justice Through Rural Criminology in the Global South**

Allen Selvakumar Murugandi Durairaj

**Behind Closed Gates: Thefts and Burglaries in Polish Rural Communities**

Emilia Jurgielewicz-Delegacz

**Scam Cities: Criminal Hubs in Transnational Cybercrime Networks**

Sara Lilli, Maria Vittoria Zucca

**Judicial Conviction and Electronic Criminal Evidence Framework: A Comparative Analysis of Indonesia and the Netherlands**

Anton Hendrik Samudra, Subhajit Basu

**To the Moon and Back. A Critical Space Criminological Perspective on Serbo-Chinese Collaboration in Lunar Missions**

Yarin Eski

***Panel 7 – Policing, Criminal Investigation and Victim/Witness Protection***

***Chair: László Christián***

**Criminal Intelligence: Insights from U.S. and Implications for Slovenia**

Boštjan Slak

**Revisiting Investigation: Nuances of Preliminary Inquiry under Indian Criminal Procedure**

Konina Mandal

**Procedural Protection of Witnesses of Rape in War Crimes**

Adnan Jusufspahić, Vildana Kubat

**Complementary Law Enforcement in the US**

László Christián, Hyon Namgung

**17.00–19.30 A city tour – crime mapping of Ljubljana – “crime” hot spots (a criminological experience in the city)**

## Day 3 Wednesday, 10 September 2025

09.30–11.00 Panels VIII–IX

*Panel 8 – Deviance, Delinquency, Crime, Crime Prevention III.*  
*Chair: Iza Kokoravec Povh*

**Gender, Violence & Social Stress: England & Wales, 1977–2020**  
Emily Gray, Stephen Farall, Andromachi Tseloni

**Juvenile Delinquency's Risk Factors in the Post COVID-19 Times**  
Gordana Lažetić, Elena Mujoska Trpevska

**Asking for Help in an Online Community**  
Tinkara Pavšič Mrevlje, Vanja Erčulj

**Patterns of Victimization Among Rural and Urban Juveniles**  
Iza Kokoravec Povh, Ineke Haen Marshall, Gorazd Meško

*Panel 9 – Deviance, Delinquency, Crime, Crime Prevention IV.*  
*Chair: Silvo Grčar*

**Evaluating Nigeria's Legal Response to Yahoo Boys and Cyber Cartels**  
Tobiloba Awotoye, Yewande Fatoki

**Violence Against Parents by Adult Children**  
Monika Klun, Aleš Bučar Ručman, Danijela Frangež

**Fieldwork in Southern Africa: Reflexive Perspectives on Access, Ethics, and Knowledge Production**  
Mecca K. Gaborone

**Environmental Crime of the Armed Forces in the Republic of Slovenia**  
Silvo Grčar, Andrej Sotlar, Katja Eman

11.00–11.15 Break

11.15– 12.00 Publications based on conference presentations (outlets, deadlines etc.)

12.00 – 13.00 Roundtable – Future of the CJS in C&E Europe (TBA)

13.00 – 13.15 Break

13.15 – 14.00 Closing of the conference

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