Global policing: dream, nightmare or reality?

10 April 2014,
6:45-8:00pm
Room CPD G.02,
Centennial Campus, HKU

Thinking Globally About Crime and Justice Seminar Series

As crime becomes a global problem, police officers are travelling abroad to collect evidence, apprehend fugitives and render them overseas for interrogation, trial or detention. Complex investigations of crimes and conspiracies spanning numerous countries demand international collaboration. Police officers frequently share information with their overseas counterparts and steer local policing practices from a distance. Globally integrated policing is a law enforcer’s dream, but being arrested and detained at the request of overseas police can be a nightmare. This paper examines the reality of global policing and considers some practical, political and ethical issues emerging from the field.

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Does Criminology Travel? Transnational and comparative perspectives on crime and justice

8 April 2014,
1:00-2:30pm
Room 929, Jockey Club Tower,
Centennial Campus, HKU

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How well do theories of crime, justice and punishment travel? Criminal justice systems, and policing in particular, are developing and global criminal justice norms are emerging. So, does it matter that Anglo-American explanations, systems and solutions are a dominant force in the development of global criminology? The emergence of transnational criminal law, criminal justice networks, courts and law enforcement mechanisms demands that criminology considers the limits of the application of its theories and methods to other places. This paper considers the relevance of contemporary Anglo-American criminology to other parts of the world. It ponders the future beyond conventional criminal justice norms, prohibition regimes and law enforcement tactics and considers the role of the university in engaging with these issues, collecting evidence and contributing to global public policy discussions.

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In recent years, increasing attention has been paid to the ‘global’ question in studies of crime and justice. As people, money, culture and technology circulate and cross-cut the globe on a daily basis, so the traditional borders of criminology have become merged and blurred. Just as apparently ‘global’ issues – human trafficking, the international drug trade, corporate harm and cyber-crime – must be understood in an international context, so too must traditionally ‘local’ arenas of criminological interest – youth gangs, policing, sex-work – be located within a comparative perspective. Over the coming academic year, the Department of Sociology and Centre for Criminology will be welcoming a series of distinguished scholars whose work speaks to these new and emerging issues. We hope that you can join us for what promises to be an exciting series of inter-disciplinary conversations.

Dr. James Martin
Beyond Silk Road: how online illicit marketplaces are challenging law enforcement and transforming the global trade in illicit drugs
28th October 2013, 4:30pm-6pm
Room 813, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Professor Pat Carlen
Doing Imaginative Criminology
30th October 2013, 4:30pm-6pm
Room 813, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Dr. Sanja Milivojevic
Cyber-Fortress Europe's New Frontier: Borders, technology, mobile bodies and narratives of exclusion in the Old Continent
6th November 2013, 4:30pm-6pm
Room 1103 Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU
Dr Mary Bosworth, University of Oxford

2nd April 2014, 4:30-6:00pm
Room 813, Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

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In this talk Mary will discuss themes from her forthcoming book, Inside Immigration Detention (OUP, 2014). Drawing on research conducted in 6 British immigration removal centres (IRCs) she will argue that detention centres confound many usual categories of analysis, defying neat explanation. Prison-like yet not penal, they are filled with people recognizable but foreign. They are overseen by uniformed custody officers who possess little power. Those who make the decisions are located elsewhere. As spaces in which foreign nationals may be held for indefinite periods of time, IRCs have no assured outcome or inherent purpose beyond providing secure housing. Neither staff nor detainees know how long a period of confinement will last, nor who will succeed in challenging their expulsion. In contrast to our usual expectations about risk and dangerousness, in detention it is those who are familiar who are difficult to govern, not those who are different. Staff find it hard to coerce women and men whom they recognize and with whom they connect. People are linked by aspirations, accents, and religion. They may share a history of migration, an ethnic background, a socio-economic class. Simply living in close quarters and interacting daily can bring people together. Detainees often struggle to make sense of their treatment. For them and for those who guard them, citizenship is not always a sufficiently compelling mode of differentiation or justification of custody.

Mary is Reader in Criminology and Fellow of St Cross College at the University of Oxford, and concurrently, Professor of Criminology at Monash University, Australia. She has published widely on race, gender and citizenship in prisons and immigration detention. Her books include Engendering Resistance (Ashgate, 1999), The US Federal Prison System (Sage, 2002), Race, Gender, & Punishment (with Jeanne Flavin) (Rutgers University Press, 2007), Explaining US Imprisonment (2010), What is Criminology (with Carolyn Hoyle) (Oxford University Press, 2011), The Borders of Punishment (with Katja Aas) (Oxford University Press, 2013) and Inside Immigration Detention (Oxford University Press, 2014). She is UK Editor-in-Chief of Theoretical Criminology. Mary is currently heading a 5-year European Research Council Starting Grant entitled ‘Subjectivity, Identity and Penal Power’ as well as a three-year Leverhulme International Network grant on external border control.