

THE CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGIST

This seems the proper venue to reflect on the recent discussions of inclusion or enfranchisement of ALL critical criminology members pertaining to the Division of Critical Criminology of ASC and the Section of Critical Criminology of ACJS. If the strengthening of our divisions' memberships and creating social networks for critical thought are the goals, then perhaps: 1) it would be in our interest to see what other critical organizations our members belong to and 2) to ask if we should actively seek to some sort of formal linkage to these critical organizations. In this spirit, we thought this was an appropriate time to introduce the Supranational Criminology. With permissions, we have included some general information from their website at:

(<http://www.supranationalcriminology.org/framespage.htm>)

What is supranational criminology?

Supranational criminology entails a criminological approach to international crimes. So what types of international crimes are included: War crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide which are all gross human rights violations that have been defined by the international community as international crimes. Crimes, in other words, which are so extreme or horrendous that they are perceived to be crimes against humankind. They are 'unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity' and the perpetrators thereof are often seen as 'enemies of humankind'.

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It is thus in the interest of the whole international community to prosecute the perpetrators. International criminal tribunals such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) have been established in order to prosecute these crimes. The most authoritative legal definitions of these international crimes can be found in their statutes. Moreover, international crimes differ from ordinary crimes in the sense that they are committed very systematically and often on a huge scale. Further, these crimes are committed in a very specific political, institutional and ideological context.

They define all research aiming to study international crimes or the context thereof as supranational criminology. This would include the following research aims: define and map international crimes; investigate and analyze the causes; develop preventive strategies; understand how to react to international crimes; investigate issues of international criminal justice and put forward recommendations on preventive strategies. In order to find answers to these questions societies and political systems that commit international crimes need to be studied, just like organizations involved in committing the crimes, situations in which such crimes are committed and dynamics leading to the perpetration of the crimes. Moreover the people who are involved in the crimes need to be studied: the perpetrators, the victims and the bystanders. Supranational criminology is thus an interdisciplinary research area with close links to criminology, sociology, psychology, history, philosophy, political science and law, to name just a few.

We Forgot!!!

Our last issue had a critical omission. We did not announced all of the 2006 Award Winners.

The Critical Criminologist of the Year was:

Professor Mark Isreal, of Flinders University School of Law.

Congratulations Mark, we apologize for the error.



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The Critical Criminologist Needs You!

We invite submissions from the membership for future issues of the newsletter. We are interested in a variety of materials: research notes, essays, opinion pieces, teaching ideas and syllabi, book and film reviews, creative projects, as well as more traditional news items (e.g., Got a book coming out? Did you just get tenure and need to crow?). Please send all items to either dawn.rothe@uni.edu or christopher.mullins@uni.edu.

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What is the Goal of Supranational Criminology?

Our aim is to create a communicative platform for what we call supranational criminology. This entails a criminological approach to international crimes such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture, genocide and other gross human rights violations that do not readily fall within the contemporary definitional scope of international crimes. The general point to be made here is that supranational criminology should include all forms of crime that cause mass human suffering. (The research section of this site contains a more elaborate discussion on what supranational criminology entails)

The platform aims to encourage and stimulate an international and interdisciplinary scientific discussion and debate on international crimes and other gross human rights violations. Many researchers from a broad range of disciplines such as criminologists, historians, philosophers, political scientists, sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, lawyers and others take an interest in international crimes and other gross human rights violations. What is lacking, however, is an integrated interdisciplinary approach to international crimes. We want to change this by bringing together scholars involved in this kind of research and by stimulating fruitful academic discussions amongst them. The aim of the website is to share information on literature, internet links, ongoing research and experts within the broad field of supranational criminology. It is our aim to thus stimulate the discussion on a variety of relevant topics. Moreover, we plan to organize expert-meetings, symposia and conferences in the near future.

If interested in receiving the newsletter or more information:

info@supranationalcriminology.org

Upcoming Conference Announcements

On The Edge: Transgression and The Dangerous Other An Interdisciplinary Conference

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 899 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY
And Graduate Center (CUNY) at 365 5th Ave, New York, NY
August 9 and 10, 2007
<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/ontheedge/>

**CONGRATS TO
Jeff Ferrell**

*The Journal Crime,
Media, Culture (CMC)*
published by Sage,
London was the
recipient of the

**ALPSP Charlesworth
Award for Best New
Journal of 2006.**

Expert-meeting on criminology and international crimes (by invitation only)
(Maastricht University)
12-14th April 2007

Criminal jurisdiction 100 years after the 1907 Hague peace conference.
Hague joint Conference of contemporary issues of international law
The Hague, the Netherlands
28-30 June 2007
Website: www.asser.nl/hjc

**Responding to Genocide before it's too late. The seventh biennial meeting of the
International Association of Genocide Scholars;**
Sarajevo, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Deadline papers: 15 February 2007 (iagsvp@aol.com)
9-13 July 2007
www.isg-iags.org/members.html
Website: <http://www.isg-iags.org/events/2007sarajevo.html>

Annual Conference: Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Criminology: building bridges

Adelaide, Australia
Deadline submissions: 1 June 2007
23-26 Sept 2007
Website: <http://www.aomevents.com/conferences/anzsoc/>

Annual Conference: European Society of Criminology Crime, crime prevention and communities in Europe.

Bologna, Italy
26-29 Sept 2007
Website: <http://www.esc-eurocrim.org/conferences.shtml>

BOOK SERIES ANNOUNCEMENT:

A New Book Series from Peter Lang Publishing

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOOK SERIES

Peter Lang Publishing is proud to announce the creation of a new book series titled "New Perspectives in Criminology and Criminal Justice." This list, edited by Jeffrey Ian Ross (Associate Professor, University of Baltimore), is a forum for cutting edge work that pushes the boundaries of the disciplines of Criminology and Criminal Justice. This body of work will be devoted to eclectic, un and underexplored issues in the fields, and imaginative approaches in terms of theory and methods. Although primarily aimed at Criminology/Criminal justice audiences (including scholars, instructors, and students), it will also appeal to those with an interest in anthropology, cultural studies, sociology, political science and law.

Books in the series include:

Hawking Hits on the Information Highway, by Laura Finley

Power, Bedlam and Bloodshed: War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in Post-Colonial Africa, by Christopher W. Mullins and Dawn L. Rothe.

Policing with Chinese Characteristics: Idea, History, Philosophy, and Reform, by Kam C. Wong

What Works For Me: A Critical Analysis of Police Arrest Decisions, by Edith Linn

Drug Court Justice: Experiences in a Juvenile Drug Court, by Kevin Whiteacre

Please direct all inquiries, proposals and manuscripts to: Phyllis Korper, Senior Editor; Peter Lang Publishing; 29 Broadway New York, NY 10006

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IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME FOR THE DIVISION'S ELECTION

WE ARE SEEKING MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION TO NOMINATE THEMSELVES OR SOMEONE THEY BELIEVE WOULD BE INTERESTED AND ABLE TO FULFILL THE ROLES OF:

- 1) CHAIR
- 2) VICE-CHAIR
- 3) SECRETARY/TREASURE
- 4) 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Persons for the office of Chair and Vice Chair must be members in good standing of **both** ACJS and ASC. This is because we have critical criminology members in one organization but not the other and there is a move to enfranchise ALL critical criminology members.

So if you are or no someone with high energy, a passion for critical social change, strong organizational acuity, strong interpersonal skills with the utmost compassion and sensitivity to different viewpoints think of serving our division. In terms of service commitment, the most significant positions are the Chair and the Vice Chair. The work of the Division in these positions is certainly doable; however, it must be balanced against teaching and research expectations of one's institution.

The Nominations Committee Members are:

Co-Chairs-Christopher W. Mullins and Dawn L. Rothe; and Susan Sharp

Please direct all nominations to:
Christopher.Mullins@uni.edu

Marty Schwartz will coordinate the tabulation of ballots (with several of his junior faculty at Ohio University). If you have questions regarding the count procedure you may contact Marty at:schwartz@ohio.edu

Call for Papers

CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Critical Criminology is the official journal of the Division of Critical Criminology of the American Society of Criminology. The journal deals with questions of social, political and economic justice. Critical Criminology is for academics and researchers with an interest in anarchistic, cultural, feminist, integrative, Marxist, peace-making, postmodernist and left-realist criminology. The journal does not limit the scope of the inquiry to state definitions of crime and welcomes work focusing on issues of social harm and social justice, including those exploring the intersecting lines of class, gender, race/ethnicity and heterosexism. The journal is of interest for all persons with an interest in alternative methodologies and theories in criminology, including chaos theory, non-linear analysis, and complex systems science as it pertains to the study of crime and criminal justice. The journal encourages works that focus on creative and cooperative solutions to justice problems, plus strategies for the construction of a more inclusive society. Manuscripts should be approximately 6,000 to 8,000 words (including tables, illustrations, notes and references). Please send four hard copies of manuscripts, as well as an electronic copy (on 3.5 diskette or on CD-ROM) to Dr. Shahid Alvi, Editor-in-Chief, Faculty of Criminology, Justice & Policy Studies, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, 2000 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L1H 7K4.

HUMANITY AND SOCIETY:

Humanity & Society is requesting submissions for future issues. Humanity & Society is the official peer-reviewed journal of the Association for Humanist Sociology. It seeks original research on and critical analyses of social-structural-level dynamics affecting justice and equality. Subject areas include but are not limited to: race, class and gender inequality; war, peace and international relations; colonialism; political sociology and political economy, organizational analysis; social theory; social change; social movements and backlash; and humanism and human rights. Articles may be theoretical and/or speculative, critical essays, or analyses of data utilizing various qualitative and quantitative research strategies. Theoretical orientations may be eclectic, Marxist, feminist, critical theory, symbolic interaction and humanist sociology (designed to contribute to a more humane egalitarian society). Humanity & Society is particularly interested in publishing the work of activist scholars. For directions for submission, please review the "Notice to Contributors," which is located on the Association for Humanist Sociology's website: www.humanistsociology.org. Direct inquiries to the editor, Ann Goetting, at humanityandsociety@wku.edu