

## Criminal Justice Platform Europe

# Criminal Justice Summer Course

## Responses to Sexual Violence

**Barcelona 7-10 July 2020**



This 4th edition of the International Criminal Justice Summer Courses dedicated to “**Responses to Sexual Violence**” is a unique international opportunity to meet professionals, from other countries, from different disciplines, from a range of backgrounds to share and to learn from people doing the same work. The focus will be upon practice: what works – new ideas – restorative methods – preventing reoffending – research – workshops – practice visits – sharing experience. The aim is that participants bring their expertise and, through engaging with the courses, are better equipped and informed about current approaches and effective interventions. The event will be demanding, but rewarding, for the individual practitioner and the organisations they represent.

In this course, each organisation member of CJPE will address this topic from a different but complementary angle:

- ♦ The **European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services** (EuroPris) will focus on ethics in management and treatment of individuals sentenced for a sexual offense;
- ♦ The **Confederation of European Probation** (CEP) will explore the better understanding of sexual abuse to create effective policy and practice;
- ♦ The **European Forum for Restorative Justice** (EFRJ) will look how to include victims and use restorative justice approaches to respond to sexual violence.

This Summer Course consists of plenary sessions, three parallel workshops, four seminars and five study visits. By sharing ideas and considering the very latest research and programmes, participants will be stimulated to engage with the debate on how to respond to sexual violence. Methods will include training, presentations, discussions among the participants as well as study visits. The aim is to examine key practice issues, inspire new thinking, promote cross-fertilization and build new networks to improve services and practice in **prisons, probation and restorative justice**. The variety of the group, coming from different European realities, will provide further opportunities to learn and engage in criminal justice issues. .

# Programme

## Tuesday 7 July

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AM	Travel to Barcelona	
13:00–14:00	Registration	
14:00–14:30	Welcome	
14:30–16:00	Plenary: Introduction of the topic	
16:00–16:30	Break	
16:30–17:30	Workshops: Session 1	
17:30–19:00	Reception	Gran Hotel Havana Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 647

## Wednesday 8 July

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09:00–11:00	Workshops: Session 2	
11:00–11:30	Break	
11:30–13:00	Workshops: Session 3	
13:00–14:30	Free time for lunch	
14:30–16:00	Workshops: Session 4	
16:00–16:30	Break	
16:30–17:30	Seminars - 4 parallel sessions	
20:00	Joint Course Dinner	Restaurant Dolça Herminia C/ de les Magdalenes 27

## Thursday 9 July

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8:30/9:00–12:00	Visits
12:30–14:00	Free time for lunch
14:00–15:30	Workshops: Session 5
15:30–16:00	Break
16:00–17:30	Workshops: Session 6

## Friday 10 July

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09:00–10:00	Workshops: Session 7
10:00–10:15	Break
10:15–11:30	Workshops: Session 8
11:45–12:30	Closing Plenary

# Plenaries

The Vice-chair of the Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP) of the Council of Europe,

**Nadya Radkovska** will focus her presentation on the draft recommendation regarding the assessment, management and reintegration in the community of individuals accused or convicted of sexual offences that is currently drafted by the PC-CP.

**Wineke Smid**, researcher/ PhD at Forensic Care Specialists, University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands, will present on treatment of sex offenders and ways to reduce re-offending.

A representative from **Victim Support Europe**, the leading European umbrella organisation advocating on behalf of all victims of crimes, will also contribute to the plenary by bringing in the victims' experience and rights in relation to sexual violence.

# Workshops

## **Ethics in management and treatment of individuals sentenced for a sexual offense**

By Marianne Fuglestad and Nicholas Blagden. Moderator: John Scott

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The role of prison and probation services for persons convicted of a sexual offense, is, as for other persons under their responsibility, double: to execute a penal sanction and to manage and rehabilitate. There is an ongoing and extensive international research on assessment, management and effective interventions for this group of offenders. Evidence based assessment and a coherent management plan that incorporates health, social, psychological and behavioral factors is considered best practice to prevent reoffending. Informed consent and cooperation are central to risk assessment and their risk-and-needs management plan, as are considerations concerning safe accommodation under imprisonment. This workshop will look at how to create a safe environment in prison, risk assessment, intervention programs, interagency cooperation and supervision and assistance of staff working with sex offenders.

## **Better understanding of sexual abuse to create effective policy and practice**

By Kieran McCartan and Hanna Lena Merdian. Moderator: John Stafford

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Sexual abuse is a complex and multi-faceted issue, which means that there is not always a simple or straightforward solution. This workshop will focus on the research and practice evidence base related to people who commit sexual offences and allow participants to consider the causes, consequences and responses to sexual abuse in a rounded, multi-disciplinary fashion. The workshop will consider the psychology of sexual offending behaviour across a range of offences and populations considering what that means for prevention, treatment and reintegration at a practice as well as policy level. In addition, the workshop will ask the participants to consider the real world challenges of responding to sexual offending from a public protection and community engagement angle so that they can develop appropriate responses in their home jurisdictions. The workshop will be a combination of research evidence and professional best practice that enables the participants to receive a rounded experience.

## **Restorative justice and victims for understanding and responding to sexual violence**

By Vincent Mercer and Kristel Buntinx. Moderators: Emanuela Biffi & Edit Törzs

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There is a lot to be learnt about sexual violence from the people directly affected by it. The aim of the workshop is to inspire people in working with victims and offenders of harmful sexual behaviour in a restorative justice way. Experiences in research and practice prove that it is not only possible but also relevant to offer restorative justice in those serious and complex cases. By explaining methods, showing figures, telling about personal experience, storytelling, using case studies and experiential learning exercises, presenting projects and film screenings, participants will be introduced to the restorative justice models used in UK and in Belgium for working with victims and offenders of harmful sexual behavior. Much attention will be dedicated to risks and opportunities in restorative justice practices as a response to sexual violence, including historical abuse and intra-familial harmful sexual behaviour. The workshop will provide some answers and probably raise many more questions to finally look from a new angle at restorative justice in sex offences.

# Seminars

## Wednesday 8 July

**16:30-17:30**

This Summer Course includes four parallel seminars. Three of the seminars will be conducted by the leaders of the three parallel workshops and will give an impression of the main issues that the three sectors – prison, probation, restorative justice – are dealing with when it comes to sexual violence. The fourth seminar will be provided by the Catalan Prison Service presenting information about its sex offenders intervention model and the implementation of the Circles of Support and Accountability programme in Catalonia.

**1 | Prison and sexual violence** Marianne Fuglestad and Nicholas Blagden

**2 | Probation and sexual violence** Kieran McCartan and Hanna Lena Merdian

**3 | Restorative justice and sexual violence** Vincent Mercer and Kristel Buntinx.

**4 | The sex offenders' intervention model in the Catalan Prison System and the Circles of Support and Accountability programme**

Carlos Soler, Deputy Director General of Rehabilitation and Health Programmes, Secretariat of Criminal Sanctions, Rehabilitation and Victim Support, Ministry of Justice

The aim of this seminar is to present the framework and practice of the intervention with sex offenders at the Prison Services of Catalonia and to discuss with the participants the main traits that a comprehensive model of treatment, reintegration and reoffending prevention should include. In Catalan prisons, the first sex offenders' treatment program started in 1995 in two prisons. Since then, many important developments have taken place: the extension of the treatment to all ordinary prisons, the evaluation of the program's effectiveness, applied research in the context of Catalan population has been conducted as well as the revision and improvement of the structure and contents of the treatment program. The implementation of the Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) program is one of the results of such revision and improvement. Moreover, some elements of the prison system, such as the open regime or risk assessment, have been relevant to develop a comprehensive intervention and to the risk management of this special group of offenders. As part of the seminar, participants will be aware of the key elements for an effective management of sex offenders within the context of Catalan prison services and probation and will learn about the implementation specificities of the CoSA programme in a local community.

# Visits

## Thursday 9 July

**8:30/9:00–12:00**

Participants of this Summer Course will have the opportunity to visit one out of the five locations described below. When registering for the course, you will be asked to indicate your two most preferred field visit options. The Passport or ID details are required for the security checks that need to be undergone in advance at all locations. Please note that participants can be relocated in the field visit marked as a second option when the first option does not reach a minimum of 5 participants or exceeds the maximum capacity of 10/15 participants (depending on the location). All of the visits will depart from the Escola d'Administració Pública de Catalunya at 8:30 or 9:00 depending on the location. For more information, please contact Clara Casado.

### 1 | CoSA from within

The Foundation Health and Community (Fundació Salut i Comunitat) is a non-profit organization in Barcelona that collaborates with the Secretariat of Criminal Sanctions, Rehabilitation and Victim Support of the Catalan Ministry of Justice in the implementation of the Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) scheme. This project has been implemented in Catalonia since 2013 with the aim of improving the strategies to prevent sexual reoffending. Over these years a number of circles have been run by professional coordinators and volunteers from the community who have received a specialised training.



The visit will consist of an informal meeting with the circle coordinators and the volunteers of the inner circle. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the practical aspects of the development of a circle and to exchange impressions with coordinators and volunteers about their particular experiences along their involvement in the project and about their views on how CoSA works to prevent recidivism with these types of crimes.



## 2 | Open Prison Barcelona

The Open Prison Barcelona, located at the outskirts of the city, is meant for inmates who have been progressed to the third degree of the prison treatment. It can host up to 300 inmates who only spend the night in the prison, and 60 of those inmates who are under article 86.4 of the prison regulations and therefore only go to the centre for follow-up interviews with the treatment professionals. The mission of such



open regime type of facility is to foster the social reintegration skills and capacities of inmates by providing them support and advice for their resettlement process as well as by liaising with the community agencies. Consequently, one of the axes of the treatment teams work in an open prison is to liaise with community agencies and stakeholders in order to coordinate their respective courses of action for every inmate. In addition, the Open Prison is also responsible for four "dependent units" which are located in different municipalities nearby and seek to bring the inmate closer to their own community. The inmates eligible to be placed in the Open Prison Barcelona are those who require specialised intervention with regard to sexual violence, gender violence and traffic safety crimes. Inmates with special intellectual needs and inmates between 18-25 years old can also be transferred to this open prison. Participants will visit the facilities and will meet the prison professionals who are responsible for the follow-up of the inmates sentenced for sexual violence related crimes and learn about the type of work carried out at this stage. The CerclesCat programme is one of the interventions being implemented and such professionals are part of the outer Circle and meet regularly with the Circle's coordinator to report on the progress of the core member.

## 3 | Women's prison

### Centre Penitenciari de Dones de Barcelona

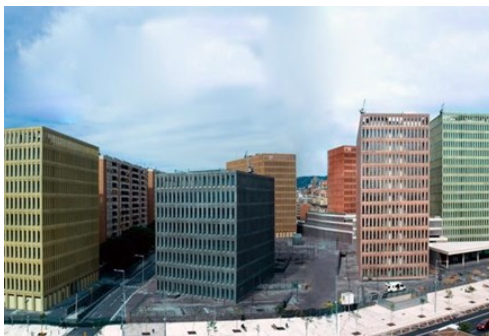
Pre-registered participants will be able to visit the facilities of one of the 2 prisons for women in Catalonia which is located in the city of Barcelona and can be reached by metro. This prison hosts up to 270 women who are in closed and semi-open regimes. Despite being an old facility, it conveys a positive atmosphere due to the rehabilitation programmes that are being implemented with female inmates and the fact that it is home to a unique unit for mothers and their children.





## 4 | City of Justice

The City of Justice is a complex that consists of eight buildings, seven of which host the courthouses of the civil, criminal and juvenile justice jurisdictions. It is also home to other related services such as the Victim Support Office, restorative justice services, pre-trial advisory teams, probation teams and the family mediation services amongst others. Pre-registered participants will visit some of the judicial facilities and will also have the opportunity of being briefed by the professionals of the Restorative justice teams. Practitioners of the adults' and juveniles' schemes will introduce how the respective programmes work, the type of crimes referred as well as the restorative practices mostly used.



## 5 | PrevenSI project

PrevenSI is a new specialized resource for the prevention of child sexual abuse that arises from the union between the Institute of Forensic Psychology (IPF), the Institute Intress and the IRES Foundation. PrevenSI is inspired by other innovative international experiences, including the Stop It Now! program, PrevenTell, StopSO or the Dunkelfeld Prevention Project. The tools with which it deploys its activities are organized and coordinated through a specialized web platform, with an online chat and a telephone line for attending people who are worried or aware of cases of child sexual abuse, paedophiles and/or child molesters, as well as professionals who work or attend these types of demands. The visit will take place in an attractive space with a dynamic presentation. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the platform and the awareness campaign, as well as interact with the technical staff that attends to the cases.

**PrevenSI.**  
Prevención del abuso sexual infantil

# Workshop leaders



**Marianne Fuglestad** has a master degree in psychology from the University of Copenhagen (1991) and she is a specialist in clinical sexology and psychotherapy. For the past 7 years she has been working as RNR-consultant in the Directorate of the Danish Prison and Probation Service. She is responsible for ensuring evidence based approaches in community supervision and prison through implementing RNR based practices. She is engaged in organisational change, development of RNR-supervision model, RNR-based correctional programs and in training probation officers and managers in evidence based practice. Her study field and previous work experience has mainly been connected to psychological/psychiatric treatment of psychiatric patients and treatment of sexual offenders, including designing cognitive programs for delinquents in Greenland, and motivational program for sexual offenders in prison settings. Since March 2019, she has been appointed scientific expert to the PC-CP (Council for Penological Co-operation, Council of Europe).



**Nicholas Blagden** is an Associate Professor in Forensic Psychology, a co-founder and trustee of the Safer Living Foundation - charity which reintegrates men with sexual convictions into the community, Chartered Psychologist and Co-Head of the Sexual Offences Crime and Misconduct Research Unit (SOCAMRU). He has worked and researched within criminal justice and prison settings for over 10 years. He has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses in psychology, forensic psychology and criminology. He has also trained police officers. His work has been funded by the Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and he is currently engaged in numerous collaborative forensic projects with NTU, HMPPS, Institute for Mental Health, Canada and Correctional Services Australia. He sits on NOTA's policy and practice committee. He has led programme evaluations, authored numerous books and book chapters, has a track record of high quality and impactful research and disseminated his work widely in international journals and conferences.



**Kieran McCartan** (Professor) has a track record of public, academic and professional engagement on criminological issues, including the origins and causes of sex offending, and societal responses to sex offenders. He has developed a wide-ranging, multi-disciplinary network around sex offender management and reintegration. He has experience of qualitative, quantitative and mixed-method research from several funders. He has previously co-lead a nationally based ESRC funded Knowledge Exchange Network on the limited disclosure of sex offender information (2012) and an international Leverhulme Trust-funded network on sex offender management (2014-16). He is currently involved in a Council of Europe project examining, and developing recommendations, around the assessment, management, and integration of people who have committed sexual offenses (2019-ongoing). Prof. McCartan is the international representative on the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers board, the Conference Chair of National Organization for the Treatment of Abuse, a member of the Confederation of European Probation working group on sexual offenses, a member of the ethics committee of Brave hearts and is a member of the International Working Group for the Prevention of Online Sex Offending. Prof. McCartan has advised the Council of Europe, New Zealand Police, Bravehearts as well as Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia. Prof. McCartan has a number of academic outputs, including 105+ academic publications and 130+ blogs; he has generated over 1/2 million pounds in external research funding, has given 175+ external presentations, and has taken part in 40+ media interviews nationally as well as internationally.



**Hannah Merdian** is an Associate Professor in Psychology at the University of Lincoln, completed her degrees at the University of Wuerzburg (Germany) and Waikato (New Zealand). Her research is focused on enhancing professional practice, including psychological assessment and case formulation, with a specific focus on child protection issues. This work is embedded in classical test-theory and the Scientist-Practitioner Model, with a specific interest in the analysis of "real life" data. Together with Professor Derek Perkins, she is co-lead of online PROTECT [Pathways of Risk and Offender Typologies in the Exploitation of Children through Technology], a research and consultation programme on online child protection. For more details, visit [www.onlineprotect.org.uk](http://www.onlineprotect.org.uk). Dr. Merdian is a founding member of the International Workgroup for Best Practice in the Management of Online Sex Offending (IWG), dedicated to facilitate the development and dissemination of a framework for evidence-led practice in the management of online sex offending behaviour.



**Vincent Mercer** is the Restorative Practice Lead for the AIM Project ([www.aimproject.org.uk](http://www.aimproject.org.uk)). This Project has developed pioneering restorative practice in cases of child and adolescent Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB). He is trained and experienced serious case mediator, restorative conference facilitator and family group conference facilitator. He ran the Greater Manchester FGC Project (Family Group Conference) dealing with adolescents who had committed serious offences. Vince has extensive experience of training on Restorative Practice and Harmful Sexual Behaviour both within the UK and Europe. He is the author of the recently revised AIM Best Practice Guidance for Restorative Practice in HSB cases, which outlines in detail the AIM Project approach and the AIM RP Assessment framework for HSB cases. Additionally Vince is the co-author of the European Forum for Restorative Justice's Best Practice Guide for Restorative Practice in Cases of Sexual Violence.



**Kristel Buntinx** studied Criminology and Law at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. She works nineteen years as a victim-offender mediator for a non-profit organization 'Moderator' (previously known as 'Suggnomè') in Belgium. Moderator is recognized and gets funding by the government as the umbrella and forum organization for victim-offender mediation for adults in the Flemish part of Belgium. She started in 2001 as a mediator in the stage of execution of punishment, in almost all prisons in the Flemish part of Belgium. Since 2008 she has also experience with mediation before trial. She has 19 years of experience in serious cases as homicide, murder, armed robbery and sexual violence. She did a few hundred face-to-face meetings in those serious cases. Kristel also gives classes, "Restorative Justice and victim-offender mediation", to the students of the Criminology Master programme and Law Master programme at KU Leuven and is a senior trainer in restorative justice practices.

# Practicalities & Venue

This year edition of the Summer Course is hosted by the Public Administration School of Catalonia (EAPC) with the support of the Centre for Legal Studies and Specialised Training (CEJFE). The EAPC is an independent administrative body founded in 1912 and affiliated to the Catalan Government's Ministry for Digital Policy and Public Administration. The School offers services and products linked to recruiting and recognising talent, training, consultancy, and research in the public service field. These services are for all personnel in the Catalan public system as well as anyone involved in public management, all in collaboration with the university system and with similar organisations with international scope. Excellence, innovation, transparency, accountability, and public virtue are the key values that frame the development of our mission. More info at [eapc.gencat.cat/en](http://eapc.gencat.cat/en)

The CEJFE is an autonomous administrative body attached to the Ministry of Justice of the Government of Catalonia. It was created in 1990 and its fundamental mission is to deliver training for the staff of the Ministry of Justice with the aim of improving the quality of the services provided. Moreover, it also conducts research in the fields of criminology, enforcement of sentences, administration of justice and Catalonia's own body of laws. More info at [cejfe.gencat.cat/en](http://cejfe.gencat.cat/en)

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# Criminal Justice Platform Europe

This Summer Course is organised by the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE) in collaboration with the Centre for Legal Studies (Catalan Department of Justice). CJPE is a partnership of three network organisations working in the fields of probation (CEP) detention (EuroPris) and restorative justice (EFRJ). More info: Clara Casado Coronas clara.casado@gencat.cat.



The **European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services** (EuroPris) started its work in 2012. EuroPris is an organisation of and for prison practitioners. Prison Services from jurisdictions in the Council of Europe region can become a member of EuroPris. The organisation has been established to promote professional prison practice through the facilitation of collaboration, sharing of good practices and knowledge between European prison practitioners. This is realized through the organisation of expert meetings, workshops and conferences. But also through the construction of databases and benchmarking tools. In the past six years EuroPris developed into a recognized authority on prison matters in Europe. Currently 29 jurisdictions are a member of EuroPris. More info at [www.europris.org](http://www.europris.org).



Founded in 2000 by a group of academics, practitioners and policy makers, the **European Forum for Restorative Justice** (EFRJ) has the aim to contribute to the further development and establishment of victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices. Every person in Europe should have the right of access to RJ services, at any time and in any case. Among other activities, the EFRJ supports its members in developing RJ across Europe and beyond by building cooperation, publishing research findings, sharing information and knowledge, and organising seminars, conferences, summer schools and events in occasion of the international RJ Weeks. The EFRJ is a membership organisation with about 450 members, including 70 organisations, across Europe and beyond. More info at [www.euforumrj.org](http://www.euforumrj.org)



The **Confederation of European Probation** (CEP) is an umbrella organisation for Probation institutions in Europe. Founded in 1981, CEP brings together practitioners, managers, academics, stakeholders and others working in the field of probation and criminal justice from all over Europe. The goals of CEP are to enhance the profile of probation and to improve professionalism in this field, on a national and a European level. It promotes pan-European cooperation and exchange of ideas by organising conferences, by making reports available, by publishing its digital newsletter and through its website. In addition, CEP participates in academic projects which compile and study effective policy and practice in probation. It thus endorses the start of a 'science' of probation. To European bodies such as the European Union and the Council of Europe, CEP is the spokesperson for the sector of probation, providing expertise and comparative data. CEP is a member-based organisation. In January 2017 it counted 84 members from 44 European countries. More info at [www.cep-probation.org](http://www.cep-probation.org).

