

Call for paper

European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control

41st Annual Conference

Critical Criminology in a Changing World - Tradition & Innovation

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University of Oslo, Norway

CALL FOR PAPERS

With the formation of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control in the early 1970s, the aim was to establish an alternative critical criminology forum. The group's founders sought not just to cover topics marginalised or ignored by mainstream, administrative and official criminology but to establish a new network that could support, and provide solidarity with, emerging social movements. Recognising the dominant influence of Anglo-American criminology and other related disciplines such as sociology, this new forum was to be characterised by a distinct European focus. This sense of place was to be significant on a further level, linking the conference theme with the conference location and offering support to local political activists, for example through press releases and resolutions and sometimes even joining them on demonstrations. Shaped by an unequivocal commitment to social justice; inspired by the radical activism of the Norwegian prisoner rights movement, the French mental patients' union and the



German radical lawyers' group; and building on the model of the York Deviancy Conferences in England in the early 1970s, the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control held its first conference in Italy in 1973.

The European Group last convened a conference in Norway in 1988, nearly twenty five years ago. The two decades that have passed since this time have witnessed great changes in modern society, for example relating to globalisation, migration and the development and use of communication technology and social media. Whilst these changes have had many positive effects, they have also generated many human casualties and wreaked havoc in the natural world. New technologies, for example, may be used to increase the surveillance of people under the pretext of protection, for example, against a narrowly (and often ethnically) defined notion of terrorism. Recent developments have also engendered changes in the ways in which crimes are perceived and what role the concepts of harm should play in such analysis. Included in the broadening of criminology as a discipline is the recognition of the fact that not only humans are victims, but also the natural environment and the other species which inhabit the earth. For example, the fact that more people die from air pollution than those who are victims of traditional street crime, has generated new perspectives, in green criminology. Green criminology is but one example of a new criminological perspective to which can be added cultural criminology, post-colonial criminology, queer criminology, gothic criminology and feminist criminology, alongside other important developments in related disciplines such as urban studies, anthropology and geography. As a consequence, there are also changes in terms of what the 'criminological imagination' entails and the role it should play in understanding and counteracting the multitude of harms people and non human species are subject to.

The conference organisers particularly welcome papers which empirically and theoretically discuss the ways in which those studying deviance and social control have traditionally responded to challenges in society and how and in which ways 'criminology' is challenged today. For example, papers could engage with questions concerning how these challenges should be met in the development of new theoretical perspectives? what are the limits to critical criminology? and what, if anything, defines critical analysis in criminology?

We welcome papers on a range of issues connected to the theme of *Critical Criminology in a Changing World - Tradition & Innovation*.

Stream	<i>Potential Topics</i>
Critical criminology and political activism	<i>Critical criminologies and struggles for social justice Ethics and critical criminological research Whose side are we on (revisited)? The nature / limits of 'public' criminology Universities and local activism</i>
Reconsidering deviance, harm, regulation and social control	<i>40 years of the European Group Critical analysis in historical perspective Reflections on deviance and social control Zemiology, Social harm studies and corporate harms Prospects for an anti-criminology Abolitionism and anti-prison activism</i>
Critical analysis and the concept of 'crime': contemporary debates	<i>Who/what is critical criminology for? What is critical criminology today: Green; Cultural; Convict; Post-colonial; Queer; and Gothic criminologies</i>

A changing world: Globalisation, migration and social control	<i>Border controls and control of migration</i> <i>Explorations of the neo-colonial / post-colonial condition</i> <i>National / transnational exercises of power</i> <i>Globalisation</i> <i>Crimmigration and detainment</i>
Challenging tradition: Gender, power and difference	<i>Feminist perspectives</i> <i>Gendered violence</i> <i>Identity, diversity and criminalisation</i> <i>Gendered perspectives on social and criminal policy</i> <i>Contemporary anatomo-politics and biopolitics (incl. gender, sex and sexualities)</i>
New technologies, innovation and social control futures	<i>Social networks and social control</i> <i>Surveillance and CCTV</i> <i>Mapping the current scientific and technological matrix</i> <i>Future forms of social control</i>

Further details of the conference can be viewed at: www.europeangroup.org

We also welcome papers broadly reflecting the wider interests of the *European Group for the Study of Deviancy and Social Control*. If you would like any further information regarding the conference please contact: Per-Jørgen Ystehede p.j.ystehede@jus.uio.no

Abstracts to be submitted by **28th April 2013**

Assisted Place

41st Annual Conference of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control

There will be *at least* one assisted place at the 2013 European Group Annual Conference. The first assisted place is to help celebrate **40 years of the European Group**.

Depending on the nature of applications, we would be looking to bestow the assisted place on one person who meets some / all of the below criteria:

- * *Does not have a tenured position in academia or has no means of providing alternative means of support through employment schemes.*
- * *An MA / PhD student / part time member of staff who is ineligible for university department/school/faculty funding to attend conferences.*
- * *Is confronted with other significant difficulties which would merit special support to attend the conference.*
- * *Is currently undertaking research or activism in an area that reflects the themes and values of the European Group*
- * *Is planning to deliver a paper at the conference on a theme that reflects the historical or contemporary relevance of the European Group*

The deadline for applications is the **28th February 2013**. Those wishing to apply should write a 150-300 word statement in support of their application. A copy of the conference paper abstract should also be included in the submission. The conference place is free and the European Group will help support travel and accommodation up to **£250** for the assisted place. If you would like further information please contact: europeangroupcoordinator@gmail.com