

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CRIMINOLOGY

WORLD CRIME FORUM – Leuven, Belgium

Changing Lenses to Restorative Justice: New Directions for Europe and Beyond

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Established in 1938, the International Society for Criminology (ISC) is the oldest and only worldwide scientific organization in the field of criminology. It was set up with the objective to promote activities and research for a better understanding of crime at an international scale, and also helps to promote the prevention of crime as well as improve the procedures used by the various criminal justice systems. The Society enjoys an advisory status at the United Nations and the Council of Europe and participates in the work of UNESCO. Its members occupy major positions in their respective countries (scholars, judges, criminal justice administrators, etc.).

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2013, the ISC Board has decided to organise a series of World Crime Forums to discuss various key challenges for criminal justice and criminology all over the globe and propose new solutions. World crime forums have already been planned in Montreal, Washington, Sao Paulo, San Sebastian, Bologna, Johannesburg, Seoul and Brisbane. The Leuven World Crime Forum on restorative justice constitutes part of this global series of events.

(Free entrance but advance registration required at: crim.sic@gmail.com)

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in collaboration with the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC), the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) and Suggnomè (Flemish Forum for Restorative Justice and Mediation)*

PROGRAMME

Chairperson: *Prof. Stephan Parmentier, KU Leuven and Secretary General of the International Society for Criminology (ISC)*

16:00 Welcome and introduction to the World Crime Forum

Prof. Filip Abraham, Vice-Rector Humanities KU Leuven

Prof. Serge Brochu, University of Montreal and President of the ISC

16:15 Keynote lecture: Restorative Justice in Europe: lessons learnt and challenges ahead

Prof. Michael Kilchling, Max Planck Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, Freiburg and Chairman of the Board, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Leuven

16:45 Roundtable discussion with:

- *Prof. Ivo Aertsen, KU Leuven: Perceptions of security and justice through restorative justice in different cultural contexts*
- *Prof. Joanna Shapland, University of Sheffield: Empirical evidence and research challenges*
- *Mr. Patrick Vits, Public Prosecutor Leuven: The role of the public prosecutor in making restorative justice work*

17:30 Questions and answers

18:00 Concluding comments

Prof. Emilio Viano, American University, Washington DC, and President of the Scientific Commission of the ISC

18:10 Close

The whole World Crime Forum will be videotaped and later put at the disposal of the ISC for further dissemination.