



The
Stockholm Criminology
Symposium

Call for presentations



“Recognizing Knowledge to Reduce Crime and Injustice”

Stockholm, Sweden, June 10-12, 2024

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) hereby invites researchers, policymakers and practitioners to the Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2024.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT

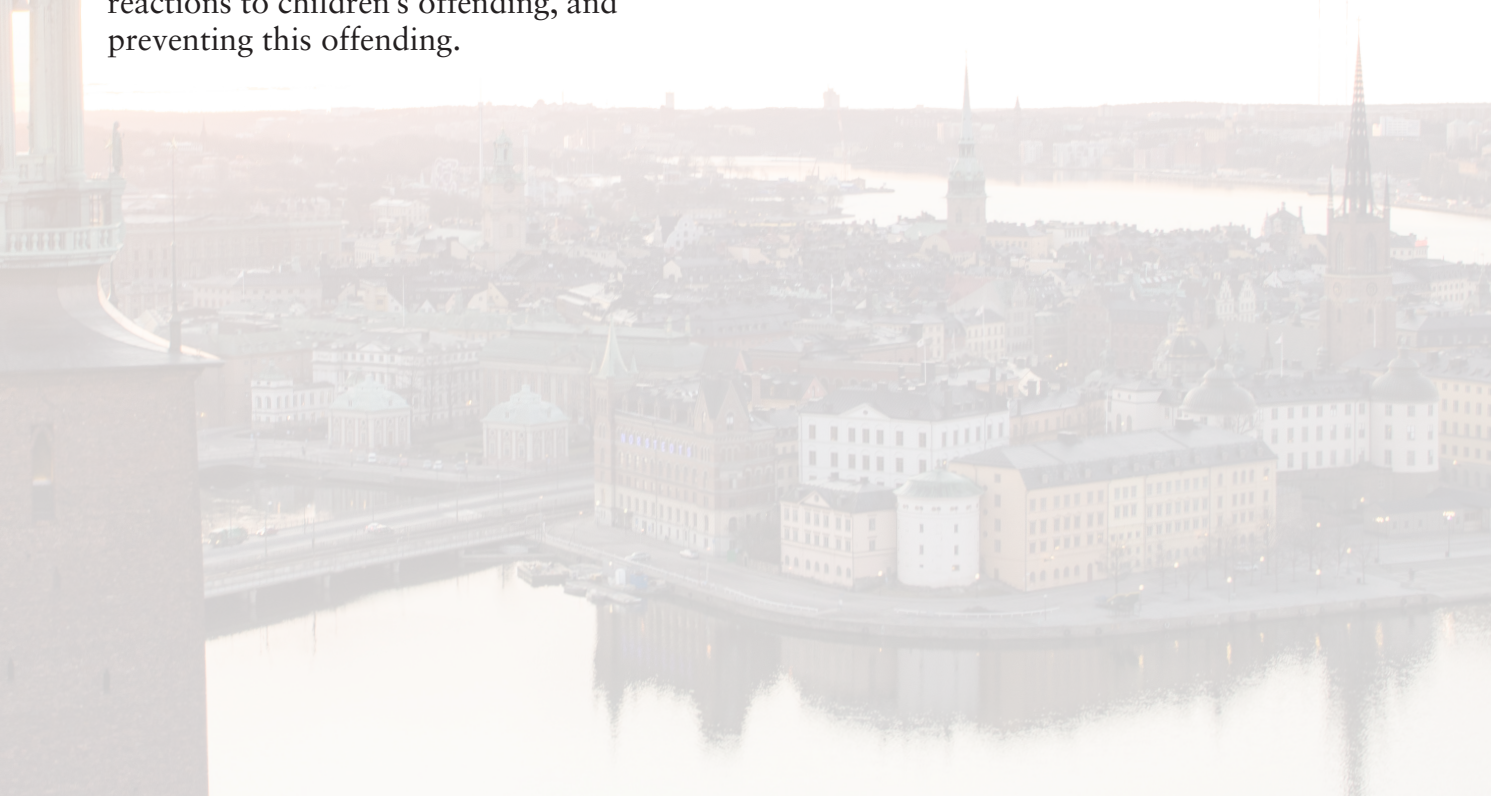
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The 2024 symposium is being arranged under the overall title *Criminal justice with broad public support*, and will include one general and two more specific themes. The first and most central specific theme of the symposium is *Trust and legitimacy in the work to combat crime*, which relates to the award of the 2024 Stockholm Prize in Criminology to Professor *Gary LaFree*, University of Maryland, USA and *Tom R. Tyler*, Yale University, USA. The second specific theme, *When children commit crime*, directs its focus on new knowledge regarding the crime children commit, judicial and social reactions to children’s offending, and preventing this offending.

The third, more general, theme is *Contemporary criminology*, which provides an opportunity for presentations from all areas of the broader field of criminology.

Participants are invited to submit panel session presentations within three themes:

1. *Trust and legitimacy in the work to combat crime*
2. *When children commit crime*
3. *Contemporary criminology.*



1. Trust and legitimacy in the work to combat crime

In the social sciences, and in related fields of research, increased attention is being paid to the importance of trust, in society at large, between people, and not least between people and institutions. It is assumed that failures in procedural justice can lead to a lack of trust in law enforcement and the criminal justice system among suspects, crime victims, witnesses, and the general public, which can weaken the legitimacy of such institutions and lead to weakened motivation to obey rules and thus an increased risk for social disorder and crime. These paradigms are used to analyze the shaping of trust and distrust in connection with criminal justice, and its effects on crime in general, crimes committed by criminal networks, and also on extremism and the risk of terrorism. The research also discusses how the situation can be improved, and how lawmakers, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system can contribute to positive change.

There is a need for improved knowledge on the challenges associated with failures in procedural justice and low levels of trust and legitimacy, and on the ways in which these challenges can be met and overcome. The Symposium will therefore highlight research, theory, policy, and practice focused on trust and legitimacy in relation to criminal law, law enforcement, and criminal justice, and also whether weakened legitimacy produce a risk for crime and involvement in criminal networks, radicalization and extremism. The scope of theme *Trust and legitimacy in the work to combat crime* will include presentations on variety of strategies, results, and experiences from around the world.

The Symposium welcomes contributions based on research or other forms of documented experience with a focus on inter alia:

- Studies of levels, distributions, and patterns of perceptions of trust and legitimacy towards criminal law, law enforcement agencies and their operations, and the criminal justice system.
- Thinking on how trust and legitimacy are shaped, and how perceptions of the law, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system relate to crime and social order.
- Analyzing the relationship between on the one hand negative experiences and negative perceptions of the criminal justice system, and on the other the risk for crime, the development of criminal networks, and for radicalization and extremism.
- Studies focused on identifying and reducing the risk for unfair law enforcement techniques and approaches, and for failings in criminal procedure.
- The balance between effectiveness in law enforcement and the risk for reduced legal certainty for citizens.
- Experiences of establishing and maintaining good relations and exchanges of information with citizens, local businesses, and civic organizations.
- The inclusion of relevant gender and children's rights perspectives.

2. When children commit crime

It is common for children to push boundaries and experiment with rule-breaking behavior and minor offences, but for most this is a transient phenomenon. However, some children have more extensive problems and appear to find themselves on the fast track into a life of crime. Most of these are boys, but girls are also at risk at an early age. There is a substantial research base on early and later risk factors for offending and a life of crime, but there is also a lack of more specific knowledge on how vulnerable children are drawn into criminal activities by people in their neighborhood, how some come to be exploited by criminal networks, and what kind of crimes these children are forced to commit, etc.

There is also an urgent need for insights into, and evidence on, what society at large, the police, the social services, and civic society can do to prevent and to stop the ongoing exploitation of children in the context of criminal activities. More knowledge is also needed on how to balance efficient measures that prevent children becoming more deeply involved in crime with the need to avoid unnecessarily harsh interventions that may produce negative long-term consequences.

The Symposium welcomes contributions based on research or other forms of documented experience, with a focus on inter alia:

- Early prediction of life-course persistent versus adolescent-limited criminal involvement.
- Children who are drawn into more serious criminal activity early in life.
- Roles children are forced to play in criminal activities and networks, and the crimes they commit.
- Analyses of residential environments that expose children to crime and offenders.
- Insights into the recruitment of children into criminal activity and criminal networks.
- Early and subsequent prevention of the exploitation of children in criminal structures, and the prevention of ongoing processes of recruitment.
- The necessity of collaborations between social services, parents, police, and the community.
- Consequences of differences in the age of criminal responsibility.
- Talking with and listening to children at risk and children with experience of being exploited.

3. Contemporary criminology

By tradition, the Stockholm Criminology Symposium presents a large number of panels under the general theme Contemporary Criminology, providing an overview of the current state of the knowledge. We therefore welcome presentations from all areas of criminology, crime policy, related fields of research, and also from relevant experiences on decision making and practice.

Aspects and accounts relating to gender and gender equality are generally welcomed in all submissions, as are submissions that include a focus on children and a children's rights perspective. include a focus on children and a children's rights perspective.

The invitation is not restricted to any specific field, and might include subjects as diverse as:

- Organized crime and criminal networks
- Lethal violence and shootings in criminal contexts
- Crime against children and youth
- Violence in schools
- Harassment and crime against and between youth by digital means
- Violence against women, and domestic and dating violence
- Sex crime
- Crimes, safety, services, and trust in rural areas
- Drug markets and organized drug crime, and their links to other forms of crime
- Economic crime and crime against the natural environment
- Crimes against businesses
- Crimes against welfare systems
- Crime against politicians, journalists, civil servants etc.
- Criminal infiltration of local politics, law enforcement agencies, authorities, and other vital services
- Hate crime and ideologically motivated violence
- Property crime and fraud
- Crime and migration
- Cybercrime, and the it-dimension in crime and crime policy
- Online disinformation and conspiracy theories
- Analyses of patterns of crime, offenders, and victimization
- Exploring analyses with artificial intelligence
- National, regional, and local crime prevention
- Policing
- Penal law development
- Criminal investigation practices
- Prosecution practices
- Sentencing practices
- Correctional practices
- Statistics on crime and criminal justice operations
- Measuring performance and costs in justice systems
- The governance of agencies working in the field of crime policy
- Similarities and differences based on gender
- Aspects related to a children's rights perspective

Submission of panel session presentations

Panel session presentations are proposed via the submission of an abstract that briefly describes the content of the speaker's presentation. Each abstract must be in English, must be limited to 300 words, and must be submitted electronically by February 29, 2024. Guidelines for submissions can be found on the Symposium website. There are a limited number of panel sessions. If the number of proposals received exceeds the time available for presentations, the submitted contributions will be subject to a review process.

Speakers who have submitted a single presentation/abstract will be assigned to a panel with two or three other speakers sharing a common theme or purpose (to the extent that this is possible). Speakers are permitted to submit multiple presentations/abstracts and to appear in several sessions. However, the committee

reserves the right to exclude second and third contributions from speakers in order to give as many speakers as possible the opportunity to present. Participants are also welcome to suggest a full panel session, together with other researchers, policymakers or practitioners. Please submit all abstracts to be included in the suggested panel session, together with a panel session title.

If we are not able to assign your contribution(s) to a session, you will, as far as space allows, be offered the opportunity to display your work at a poster session. The poster session will be held on Monday evening, June 10, 2024. After the poster session, posters will be available to view throughout the symposium.

All abstracts (including poster abstracts) will be published in the program book on our website and included in the digital program. However, abstracts received after the deadline will not be included.

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You will find guidelines for submissions at www.criminologysymposium.com

THE STOCKHOLM PRIZE IN CRIMINOLOGY

The Stockholm Prize in Criminology will be presented on June 11, 2024, at Stockholm City Hall. The jury is proud to award the 2024 prize to Professor Gary LaFree, University of Maryland, USA, and to Professor Tom R. Tyler, Yale University, USA.

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