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## News/

### Editorial



This is the first newsletter where we bid farewell to our computing colleagues who are now within the School of Engineering. With computing moving on, we are now the School of Law, Criminal Justice & *Policing*. The School continues to engage with a wide range of exciting research activity through developing research projects, presenting research findings to academic and professional audiences and hosting public events reflecting our research interests. The School is preparing for the REF 2021 exercise. This involves planning for another review process using external reviewers to evaluate publications and impact case studies this summer. We have had a good response from School staff in response to applications for the university SPARC (Supporting Progression in Academic Research Careers) programme; we await the outcome of the application process. At the end of 2018, applications for QR (Quality related research) funding were encouraged. There was an excellent response from colleagues with successful bids including: research on preparedness for the Police Education Qualification Framework (PEQF), Investigating gang-related homicide, surveillance video data for Criminal Tracking and conference support. There are also plans to host research development workshops, a writing retreat for School staff and a School Research Forum during the remainder of the academic year. Look out for details to be emailed to School staff shortly. This edition of the School Research Newsletter features a range of excellent developments from interdisciplinary research, collaboration between universities and practitioner, events and details of staff publications. Thank you for the excellent work that continues across the School. Looking forward to the next edition, I would encourage all staff to let us know about your research interests, activities and achievements.

Dr Stephen Tong, School Director of Research & Enterprise.

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### News from the Canterbury Centre for Policing Research (CCPR)

CCPR Members and students continued to raise the profile of the research centre with more events publicised on social media, an open day organised at the National Crime Agency and further attendance and papers at conferences and National police events. There have been successful QR research applications on homicide and organisational readiness for the new PEQF being implemented in the police. This latter project is being developed in collaboration with Leicester University at GMP, West Mercia, Warwickshire and Sussex Police to date. We have had a number of completions on the MSc by research in policing on subjects such as interpreters in custody, police specials and stress.

The CCPR held a PEQF event in London in October 2018 with CC Giles York, The Chair of the PFEW John Apter, Professor Jennifer Brown and others talking through their thoughts on the PEQF.

Publicity for this year's CCPR conference is underway with speakers including Professor Jenny Fleming, Marisa Silvestri, Richard Heslop, Giles York, Ben Bradford, Professor Kevin Morrell and many others. The event will take place on the 19/20 June. Please share details as widely as possible.

The next CCPR meeting is on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 9.30-11am**. If you have not already joined the CCPR and want to attend the meeting, please contact Hannah Bygraves at [ccpr@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:ccpr@canterbury.ac.uk)

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## Canterbury Christ Church University research centres launch Brexit Border Report

Delivering a Brexit Border: Policing, Security, Freight and Customs has been written by Canterbury Christ Church University's Centre for European Studies (CEFEUS) and Canterbury Centre for Policing Research (CCPR). It aims to present national and local decision-makers and citizens with an objective, accessible overview of the strategic challenges facing UK border management arising from possible Brexit scenarios. The report launch took place at both Portcullis House, Westminster London and Canterbury Christ Church University on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Portcullis House, London Launch included: Dr Stephen Tong (CCCU, School of Law, Criminal Justice & Policing), Helen Whately MP, Prof Amelia Hadfield (CEFEUS), Matthew Norwell (Chief Executive of the Thames Gateway Kent Partnership), Dr Susan Kenyon (Director of Learning and Teaching, CCCU) .



Helen Whately, MP for Faversham and Mid-Kent, who is hosting the Westminster-based launch of the report on 13 November, said: "MPs like me know full well the importance of our border with the continent, and the risks when things go wrong. We remember the nightmare of 2015 when the M20 turned into a lorry park because of strikes and disruptions. The message we've been hammering home with Government is that we cannot have another Operation Stack when we leave the EU; traffic has to keep flowing through Kent. This report sets out in methodical detail some of the possible scenarios for Brexit, bringing to life the importance of keeping a smooth flow of goods between the UK and Europe. It also helpfully looks at Ports on the other side of the channel, and is clear about the downsides for them of customs delays. I welcome the level of detail and information in this report which will help us keep up the pressure for a good Brexit deal and robust contingency plans to keep Kent moving."

Professor Amelia Hadfield, co-author of the report, said: "Let's be clear, the changes triggered by Britain leaving the EU will be felt first, hardest and longest at its borders. Britain's ability to engineer a decent departure from the EU depends heavily on border management and nowhere are preparations more important than at the border. The UK government has an undoubted and indisputable responsibility to the frontiers of its own state: starting with the complex inter-workings of the border itself. Whether the UK is approaching a no-deal scenario, or a medium-term shift beyond the Customs Union, the UK government's entire attention, energy and resources must now be poured into the host of customs, security and logistical challenges at Dover, Folkestone and Kent itself."



Dr Stephen Tong, co-author of the report added: "The police have received substantial cuts in resources and the ability to respond and adapt to major events will be a substantial challenge. While the police will prioritise their responses as they always have, the 'thin blue line' is particularly vulnerable given the potential of the challenges that lie ahead. Without certainty for what they are planning for, it is not only the ability to manage the major events that could be created by Brexit, but what gets left behind as a consequence that matters. The police have consistently stated they are struggling with current demands and senior leaders are questioning what they can and cannot do on a daily basis. The potential implications of Brexit in relation to the possible impact on policing and security, alongside a police service already at the 'tipping point', are substantial."

The report is available on the CCPR website, publications page.

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## University internship success

Two members of staff from LCJP were successful in their application to host summer internships beginning in May 2019 for 9 weeks.

Dr Emma Williams said: "We are thrilled to have been successful in our application for an internship in the CCPR to work with us on a small piece of research aimed at exploring the police organisational readiness for the implementation of the PEQF. The research involves interviews and focus groups with sergeants, inspectors and representatives from learning and development. Plus there will be a national survey aimed at sergeants with front line responsibility for managing new graduate recruits. The intern will work on the fieldwork, the analysis of the data and other core areas of this exciting project."

Emma Williams is the project lead and is working with Dr Claire Davies from Leicester University and Jennifer Norman from CCCU will also be involved in this research.

Dr Laura Vera-Stimpson said: "I am very grateful and excited to have received funding for this internship which will contribute positively to the research activities of the Forensic Investigation team. The intern will investigate the elemental composition of plant matter (namely moss and lichen) from different locations in the country to determine how these vary from location to location. This research aims to map the elemental 'fingerprint' of plant matter in a georeferenced model system which will provide an effective investigative tool for metal and stone theft."

Dr Laura Vera Stimpson is project lead and will work with Kevin Lawton-Barrett (CCCU) and Mark Harrison (Historic England).

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## CCCU engages cross-section of practitioners and academics in conference on Domestic Abuse



'Thinking outside the box' was the overall theme of the conference on Domestic Abuse, organised by the charities SATEDA, Rising Sun and Canterbury Christ Church University. Alongside prominent speakers in the field of coercive and controlling behaviour, staff from the Faculties of Social and Applied Sciences, Education, and Health and Wellbeing presented at this high profile event.

Experts from policing, psychology, education, health and social work presented to practitioners, helping to bridge the gap between academia and those working with victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse. Keynote speaker, Professor Evan Stark, captivated the audience with his talk on coercive and controlling behaviour and hints of his current research project. The day ended with a round table in which attendees were given the opportunity to question the speakers about issues that they felt were most pressing. This revealed the complex nature of addressing domestic abuse effectively and the importance of maintaining a research-informed dialogue between academia and the community.

Dr Sofia Graca, Kristina Massey and former MA student DI Kate Blackburn, from the School of Law and Criminal Justice, Sari Sirkia-Weaver, from the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work and Karen Hynes, from the School of Allied and Public Health Professions came together to showcase the breadth of research produced at CCCU on Domestic Abuse. Dr Graca said: 'I am extremely pleased with the positive response from colleagues across different faculties when I approached them to contribute to this conference. It is essential that the University engages with professionals from a variety of fields, in order to maximise the impact of its staff's work on Domestic Abuse. I hope that this is only one of many future cross-Faculty collaborations in this field and I look forward to working more with my colleagues in this area.'

## CCCU delivers at CEPOL's European Joint Masters Programme



CCCU staff co-organised and delivered a module on police leadership, as part of the second iteration of the European Joint Masters Programme (EJMP). The programme is funded by CEPOL, and aims to foster cross-national police cooperation within Europe. CCCU is part of a consortium led by its long-standing partner, the Police Academy of the Netherlands, and the joint delivery of this module is testament to the soundness of this partnership.

Dr Sofia Graca and Dr Steve Tong, from the School of Law and Criminal Justice, each contributed with sessions, attended by an international group of senior police officers. Dr Graca said: 'I'm very proud to help CCCU be a part of this collaborative programme, both as a member of the executive, and as part of its organisation and delivery. I look forward to continue contributing for the development of police education in Europe and ensuring CCCU's role in it.'

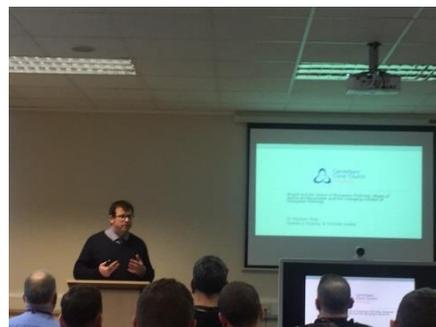
## 'Counter Terrorism Policing in a Diverse and Changing World' CCCPR contribute to police leadership event at Kent Police

Dr Katarina Mozova and Dr Steve Tong were invited to contribute to a Kent Police Leadership event on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The event involved an invitation to external speakers to talk about their research and views relating to diversity, counter terrorism and changes in policing.



Dr Mozova discussed research she has been leading in relation to public fear of terrorism and counterterrorism awareness. The talk focused on past international research on fear of terrorism and her current research that explored public awareness of counter terrorism policy. Her talk also focused on changes in public perception of terrorism before and after the recent terrorist attacks in London and Manchester.

Dr Tong, presented his research relating to the views of law enforcement professionals working across border between the UK and Europe in relation to police cooperation and Brexit. The survey conducted between January and May 2018 revealed strong support for police cooperation and concern relating maintaining cross border policing after Brexit. Dr Tong also discussed the wider challenges Brexit without an agreement may present to policing.



Sgt Haydn Kemp from Kent Police who organised the event said "When I was asked to arrange a leadership event I looked at this as a perfect opportunity to bring together practitioners with frontline experience and the knowledge and independent evidence-informed perspectives of academia. The CCCPR were a natural first point of call. I have had a great deal of positive feedback from the audience since the event, and we are hugely grateful for the Dr's Mozova and Tong, and to all the speakers, for taking the time to share the findings of their very valuable contributions to research and policing knowledge."

Dr Steve Tong said "It was a great opportunity to deliver some of our research findings to front line police supervisors. Brexit and counter terrorism are key issues as policing arrangements potentially go through significant change. We really enjoyed the day and look forward to conducting more research with local and regional police services."

## Recent completions MSc by Research



In January MSc student Ed Cudmore graduated at the cathedral. He completed a thesis on public order policing, culture and how officers in that field deal with stress.

Superintendent Jason Prins also passed his thesis on the special constabulary with no corrections. He will graduate in September 2019.

Mohamed Alahnaee has passed his thesis 'Using soft power for crime reduction and prevention: the experience of Abu Dhabi police'. The supervisory team were Dr Katarina Mozova, first supervisor, Dr Sofia Graca as second supervisor and Prof Robin Bryant as Chair.

## Conferences and event reports/

### National Crime Agency training day for students

On the 13th February the Director General of the NCA Lynne Owens organised a fantastic day for the in service police students on the BSc and MSc programmes. The event ran from 1000-1500 and the students had insights from the agency on child sexual exploitation, cyber crime, investigation and intelligence. The group received excellent feedback from the organisers who praised their useful comments, questions and thoughts. It was a fantastic opportunity and the agency have said that they would organise another day if there was enough interest.

Dr Emma Williams presented at a College of Policing PEQF event on 16<sup>th</sup> January at the University of West London. The event was attended by about 120 throughout the day and the focus was to inform people about the reality of RPEL. As a result there will be a similar event held at Canterbury Christ Church on 16<sup>th</sup> May. [Event information here.](#)



Tara Dickens, Director of Policing, presented her research findings to the National Homicide Working Group into reducing child death in January. The presentation was entitled "The beliefs and person characteristics of male carers who seriously harm or murder children under the age of 5". A joint funding application is being submitted by Tara with Professor Jane Wood and Professor Theresa Gannon as PI to develop this research, which will focus on risk assessment tools for front line practitioners. Tara is also currently collaborating with Bournemouth University (others being identified) and NCA to review approaches to Police Interviews of suspects in child murder cases.

### Court room re opening event



On 20<sup>th</sup> of February, District Judge William Jackson, recently retired from Canterbury County Court, officially reopened the Og 32 court room following restoration, declaring that 'the Court is in session' once more. The reopening event included a mini moot by first year Law students Sarah Dickinson and Jack Hathaway, as well as a presentation on the Justice Support Dogs research by Katarina Mozova, Susanna Mitchell and Oliver, CCCU's own Facility Dog.

Katja Hallenberg said: "Both the potential and the need for a learning space like this are great. The university has several professional education programmes in disciplines such as

law, policing and criminal justice, education, psychology, social and health care etc, the students of which may end up in a court setting as part of their professional duties. Moreover, anyone working with clients and projects where contracts and money exchanges hands may end up seeking justices through the courts if things don't go as planned. The space can also act a setting for teaching in creative arts and humanities as many a drama – both historical and fictional – have taken place in a court room. People very rarely end up in court room for positive reasons, and in those situations, even some previous exposure and experience of what happens, can be incredibly useful."



The project team keen to ensure the room achieves its potential. Anyone interested is invited to join the Court Room Steering Group, the purpose of which is to enable multidisciplinary and innovative use of this space for learning and research. Please email [courtroom@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:courtroom@canterbury.ac.uk) to get involved.

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## LCJP students/



**Nima Movassagh**

**Date you started at CCCU:** October 2018.

**Area of study and title:** MSc by Research in Policing (part –time). My area of study is cyber crime and my working thesis title is: 'Could gauging awareness levels for different types of online fraud from the public be beneficial?'

**Why did you choose your subject?** I chose my subject because I have passion for cyber security.

**Who do you admire professionally?** I admire the lecturers on my course because they are helping me formulate ideas in order to write and develop my thesis further.

**What are your ambitions for the future?** My ambition for the future is to work part-time in the cyber security sector and to teach criminology as a subject area in Higher Education.

**Tell us something we wouldn't know about you?** I am actually a Health and Social Care Lecturer in a secondary school and not a police officer!



**Hassan Idrees**

**Date you started at CCCU:** February 2017.

**Area of study and title:** My area of research is financial law which covers the role of CBs and IMF as Lender of Last Resort at domestic and international level respectively. "Conceptual Underpinning and Contemporary Significance of Lender of Last Resort: An Appraisal of the Financial Laws of Pakistan and Way Forward"

**Briefly explain what your chosen subject covers:** My topic of research critically evaluates the current banking regime of Pakistan. It explicates the laws which empower the State Bank of Pakistan to play the role of lender of last resort. It further highlights the loopholes of the current system and elucidates the hindrance in implementing the reforms of Basel Accord III. Additionally, it describes the significance of lender of last resort in contemporary financial challenges.

**Who do you admire professionally?** I admire Barrister Aitzaz Ahsan former interior minister of Pakistan. I admire him because he is a very disciplined person. He is a great erudite and a leading lawyer in Pakistan. I admire him as a lawyer, scholar and politician.

**What are your ambitions for the future?** I want to be a lawmaker in my country and leave strong prints in history.

**Tell us something we wouldn't know about you?** I have a keen interest in politics that is why I watch political talk shows and movies based on political themes. I have leadership capabilities that I know how to move with group in a way that nobody gets disappointed. I can handle the people having different opinions.

Thank you for your responses Nima and Hassan! Please contact [hannah.bygraves@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.bygraves@canterbury.ac.uk) if you are a research student and would like to be featured in our next newsletter.

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## Events/

### [CCPR round table: Stalking](#)

20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 5.30, Pg09

Speakers: Dr Alan Underwood – Clinical Psychologist National Stalking Clinic & Stalking Threat Assessment Centre  
Detective Inspector Lee Barnard – Metropolitan Police Service Stalking Threat Assessment Centre (STAC)

Wendy Kufakugere - Suzy Lamplugh Trust

Chairs: Belinda Siesmaa (Senior Lecturer/Forensic Psychologist); Kristina Massey (Senior Lecturer)

### CCPR annual conference 'Austerity and Ethics: A paradox for professionalism'

19-20 June 2019, AH3.31 Augustine House

[Agenda available and booking now open.](#)

## Publications/

### Books

Akrivos, D & Antoniou, A.K (2019) (Eds.). *Crime, Deviance and Popular Culture International and Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

### Chapters

Akrivos, D. (2019) 'A televised social problem construction? Pushing back against the invisibility of the male rape victim in American Crime' in D. Akrivos and A. Antoniou (eds) *Crime, Deviance and Popular Culture*,. London: Palgrave.

O'Neill, M. (2018) [Modern criminal investigation from a legal comparative perspective](#). In: den Boer, M., (ed). *Comparative Policing from a Legal Perspective*. 1st Edition ed. Research Handbooks in Comparative Law. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire: Edward Elgar. pp. 111-134 ISBN 9781785369100

Spalding, A. (2019) 'A Socio-Legal Analysis of Gone Girl' in D. Akrivos and A. Antoniou (eds) *Crime, Deviance and Popular Culture*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

### Articles

Idrees, M.H. (2018). Appraising the role of lender of last resort: a comprehensive study of Federal Reserves, Bank of England and State Bank of Pakistan. *International Journal of Law and Interdisciplinary Legal Studies*. 4(2), pp. 28-35.

Kaasik, J & Tong, S (2019) The Schengen Evaluation Mechanism: Exploring the Views of Experts in the Field of Police Cooperation, *European Law Enforcement Research Bulletin*, Winter 2018/2019.

Massey, K (2019) "Staff experiences of working in a Sexual Assault Referral Centre: the impacts and emotional tolls of working with traumatised people." *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology*

Spruin, E., Mozova, K., Franz, A., Mitchell, S., Fernandez, A., Dempster, T., & Holt, N. (2019). The Use of Therapy Dogs to Support Court Users in the Waiting Room. *International Criminal Justice Review*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1057567719827063>

Tong, S & O'Neill, M (2019) 'Advance Detective training: specialist degrees in early attempts to professionalise investigation' in *Policing: A Journal for Policy and Practice*.

Williams, E., Norman, J., and Nixon, K., (2018) Violence Against Women: Public health or Law Enforcement Problem. Or both? *International Journal of Police Science and Management*. Vol 20 (3)

### Blogs

Heaton, R. and Tong, S (2019) Lesson-learning not Blame: Realistic or Optimistic? Police Professional.

### Reports

Hadfield, A, Tong, S & Swallow, P (2018) 'Kent and Medway: Delivering a Brexit Border: Policing, Security, Freight and Customs', Report.

All publications must be recorded within three months after submission has been accepted by the publisher on the University's institutional repository, CReaTE. If you have any questions about using CReaTE please refer them to Claire Choong, Learning and Research Librarian – [claire.choong@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:claire.choong@canterbury.ac.uk)

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