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Today, security is a ubiquitous concern. A leitmotif in the current conjuncture that has been defined as “the security paradigm,” it has permeated many realms of social life and has redefined to a large extent how perceptions are shaped, problems are framed, and solutions are formulated and debated. The EASA Anthropology of Security Network was founded in 2014, with the aim to advance cultural and social anthropology’s contribution to the study of security through an ethnographic lens.

We are interested in understanding how various kinds of uncertainties, risks, dangers, and insecurities are problematized over a wide range of contexts and from the perspectives of a multiplicity of actors. We interrogate (in)securitization processes in the complexity of their dynamics, meanings, interventions, and modes of subjectivation.

<https://anthro-security.net/>



Anthropology of Crime and Criminalisation (AnthroCrime) is an EASA network created in 2021.

Social and political transformations such as shifting geopolitical formations, neo-nationalist tendencies, and (cyber) technological developments push crime to the centre of public debates and governmental power. At a time when governments and grassroots organizations are flexing their muscles towards those deemed to be criminals, analyses of criminalisation and decriminalisation processes are more important than ever.

We aim to provide a European platform for anthropological and ethnographic contributions to the study of crime and (de)criminalisation while remaining open to dialogues with scholars from other disciplines and parts of the world.

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Anthropology of Crime and Security

Joint conference of the
Anthropology of Crime and
Criminalisation (AnthroCrime)
and the Anthropology of
Security (ASN) EASA networks.

Bologna, DISCI Department, 17-
19 May 2022

As a result of current social, political and economic trends, anthropologists are increasingly interested in security, crime, and criminalisation. The first jointly organised conference between the Anthropology of Crime and Criminalisation (AnthroCrime) and the Anthropology of Security (ASN) EASA networks aims to explore crime and security, developing novel methodological and theoretical approaches to their analysis.

In addition to several panels related to the anthropology of crime and security, the conference will hold two laboratories and a book presentation session. The laboratories will be dedicated to the challenges of doing ethnography in the field of security and crime and to facilitate future publications based on conference papers.

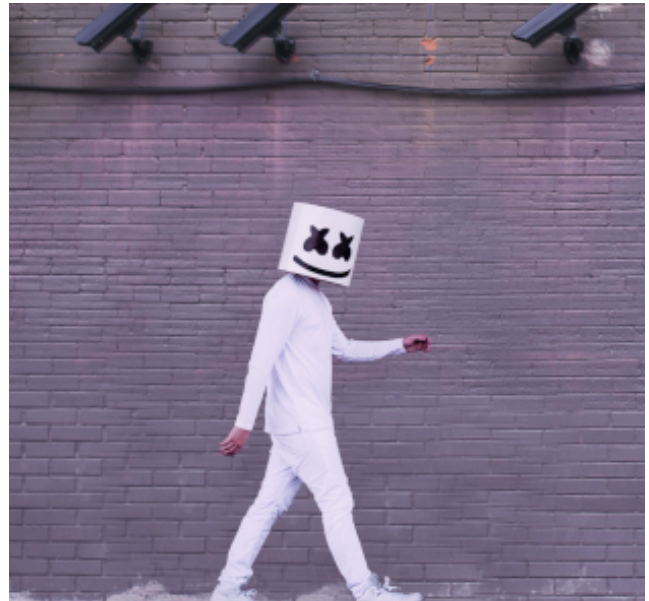


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Conference Venue

Department of History, Cultures and
Civilization (DISCI)

University of Bologna

Piazza S. Giovanni in Monte 2,
40124, Bologna



DAY 1

May 17, 2022

Opening session
12:00am – 1.30pm, Aula Prodi

Welcome

Keynote: “Defund Security: Counter-terrorism and Security Capitalism”

(Mark Maguire and Setha M. Low)

Afternoon parallel sessions

3.00pm – 6.15pm, Aula Prodi

Methodological Laboratory

3.45pm – 6.15pm, Aula Grande

Book Presentations

DAY 3

May 19, 2022

Morning parallel sessions
09:00am – 01:15pm

Writing & publication lab, Aula Prodi

P9. Crimes of the powerful: state and corporate crimes, patrimonialism, clientelism, corruption and white-collar crimes / LUXCORE panel, Aula Grande

10. Security and policing beyond the human, Aula Capitani

P11. Mixed panel on crime, criminalization and security, Aula Seminari

Afternoon session
02:40pm – 04:00pm

Keynote: “Delinquent ethnography? 25 years of gang research in Nicaragua and elsewhere” (Dennis Rodgers)

Concluding remarks

DAY 2

May 18, 2022

Morning parallel sessions
08:50 – 01:05pm

P1. History of the present: Figurations of crime and criminals, Aula Prodi

P2. Critical Resistance, Contentious Reforms: Global Perspectives on Policing, Securitization, and Mobilization, Aula Grande

P3. Negotiated criminality: control, agency, and moral ambivalences in criminalised markets, Aula Capitani

P4. Complex Crimes in Borderland: organised crime, corruption and trafficking in border areas and communities, Aula Seminari

Afternoon parallel sessions
2.30pm – 6.45pm

P5. Gangs, Gangsters & Ganglands (GANGS): Towards a Global Comparative Ethnography, Aula Prodi

P6. Intersecting Crime and Security: Exploring Vigilantism beyond the State, Aula Grande

P7. Immigrant Communities and Crime: Challenging Populistic Responses, Aula Capitani

P8. Navigating Criminalisation, Aula Seminari

19:30 Conference Dinner



DAY 1

Opening Session

12:00am – 1.30pm – Aula Prodi

WELCOME AND OPENING KEYNOTE

“Defund Security: Counterterrorism and Security Capitalism”

Mark Maguire and Setha M. Low

Mark Maguire is Dean of Maynooth University Faculty of Social Sciences. He is former Head of Maynooth's Department of Anthropology, and he twice held visiting professorships in Stanford University. Mark edited several collections on security, most recently *Spaces of Security: ethnographies of security-scapes, surveillance, and control* with Setha M. Low. He is author with David A. Westbrook of *Getting Through Security: Counterterrorism, Bureaucracy, and a Sense of the Modern* (2020). His new book with Setha M. Low is *Defund Security: essays on security capitalism and societal change* will be published by Stanford University Press in late 2022. This lecture is coauthored with Setha M. Low, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Psychology, Anthropology, Earth and Environmental Sciences and Women's Studies, the Graduate Center, City University of New York.

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

Methodological Laboratory

3pm – 6.15pm – Aula Prodi

Book Presentations

3.45pm – 6.15pm – Aula Grande

- **“Police, Provocation, Politics: Counterinsurgency in Istanbul”**. Cornell University Press, 2022. Deniz Yonucu (author) with discussants Ilana Feldman & Kevin Karpiak.
- **“Honour-Based Violence and Forced Marriages: Community and Restorative Practices in Europe”**, Routledge, 2022. Clara Rigoni (author).
- **“Mafia Raj. The rule of bosses in South Asia”**, Stanford University Press, 2019. Lucia Michelutti (author).

Morning Parallel Sessions

8:50 – 1:05pm

P1: History of the present: Figurations of crime and criminals – Aula Prodi

Chair: Juulia Kela (PhD candidate, Helsinki university), Justyna Struzik (Assistant Professor, Jagiellonian University, Kraków), Jérémy Geeraert (Post-doc Researcher, University Paris-Saclay)

- **“State criminalization: penitentiary polices in Argentina inspired by Anglo-Saxon theories of Risk/Need/Responsiveness”**, Carolina Di Prospero (Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) Universidad Nacional de San Martín)
- **“Criminalising consensual sex: SM, the law & a hidden history of activism”**, Alexandra Carina Grolimund (University of Essex)
- **“Against care: The progressive jail and its challenge to abolition”**, Justin Helepololei (Colgate University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- **“Threats, victims and abject subjects: Policed abandonment of sex workers in contemporary Poland”**, Agata Dziuban (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University):
- **“Criminal Figures in the landscape of solidarity towards migran”**, Jérémy Geeraert (Centre national de la recherche scientifique)
- **“Culture Warlords and digitally-mediated vigilantism. A genealogy of citizen crime-fighters who identify online haters”**, Todd Sekuler (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institute for European Ethnology)
- **“The Figure of the Female Offender as Victim and Gendered Dimensions of Punishment in Germany”**, Klara Nagel (speaker) and Friederike Faust (co-author) (Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
- **“Nineties and Halfworld: Contemporary History of Czechia as a Crime Story”**, Petr Kupka and Václav Walach (University of West Bohemia)
- **“Danish Legal Constructions of Foreign Fighters: Ukraine vs. Syria”**, Kerstin Bree Carlson (Roskilde University)

P2: Critical Resistance, Contentious Reforms: Global Perspectives on Policing, Securitization, and Mobilization – Aula Grande

Chair: Tessa Diphoorn (Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Utrecht University), Zoha Waseem (Assistant Professor of Criminology, University of Warwick), Deniz Yonucu (Lecturer, Newcastle University)

- **“Understanding the effects of authoritarian governance on activism in Brazil”**, Roxana Pessoa Cavalcanti (TBC) (University of Brighton)
- **“The Special Prosecutor's Office ATAJO as ally in the mobilisation against policing and criminalisation in Argentina”**, Ingo Rohrer (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
- **“Contestation and resistance concerning eco-justice and health justice in Italy and Colombia: Two case studies”**, Anna Di Ronco and Nigel South (University of Essex)

DAY 2

- **"Who's Saba Saba?: Claiming Ownership and Civic Space in Reforming the Kenyan Police"**, Tessa Diphorn and Naomi van Stapele (Utrecht University)
- **"The Criminalization of Sedition and Dissent in Postcolonial Pakistan"**, Zoha Waseem (University of Warwick)
- **"Aretxaga Revisited: Dissent, the Stalker State and its Psychic Power"**, Deniz Yonucu (Newcastle University, UK)
- **"Policing and Civil Society in the Post-Colonial State: Jamaica Reconsidered, 1962-2022"**, Reynaldo Ortíz-Minaya (Howard University, US):

P3. Negotiated criminality: control, agency, and moral ambivalences in criminalised markets – Aula Capitani

Chair: Louis Vuilleumier (PhD candidate in anthropology at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland), Loïc Pignolo (PhD candidate in sociology at the University of Geneva)

- **"'Soft arrests' underneath the Eiffel Tower: the informal commitments of illegal street vendors and the parisian police"**, Bayle Gauthier (University of Paris Nanterre)
- **"Negotiating deviant entrepreneurship"**, Louis Vuilleumier (University of Fribourg)
- **"'Unruly' and 'immoral'? Moral and normative struggles of crime-involved youth in contemporary Colombia"**, Elena Butti (Graduate Institute, IHEID)
- **"Moral negotiations and legitimization strategies in a morally ambivalent market: the case of the drug dealing of cannabis in Geneva"**, Loïc Pignolo (University of Geneva)
- **"'Narcopisos': Novel forms of illegal organizing as a response to health policies, drug law enforcement, and local community pressure"**, Guillaume Dumont (Emlyon business school), and Rafael Clua Garcia (University of Vic – Central University of Catalonia)

P4. Complex Crimes in Borderland: organised crime, corruption and trafficking in border areas and communities – Aula Seminari

Chair: Anna Sergi (Professor of Criminology, University of Essex)

- **"'Passeurs' of Ventimiglia: An Ethnographic Study of Migrant 'Smugglers'"**, Masha Hassan (University of Bologna)
- **"Protecting victims of trafficking in human beings in borderlands through financial measures: an adequate solution to fair compensation?"**, Costanza De Caro (Fondazione Falcone – Università degli Studi di Palermo)
- **"Police information exchange across the borderland and beyond: Police and Custom Cooperation Centres"**, Monika Weissensteiner
- **"'Let cocaine go'. Rethinking strategies to stop the flow of drugs in commercial seaports"**, Anna Sergi (University of Essex)

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

2.30pm – 6.45pm

P5. Gangs, Gangsters & Ganglands (GANGS): Towards a Global Comparative Ethnography – Aula Prodi

Chair: Dennis Rodgers (Research Professor, Anthropology and Sociology, IHEID – Graduate Institute), Lene Swetzer (PhD candidate, Anthropology and Sociology, IHEID – Graduate Institute)

- **“Drugs, urban space, and representation: Marseille through the double looking glass of Cape Town and Managua”**, Dennis Rodgers (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland) and Steffen Jensen (Aalborg University, Denmark)
- **“‘It seems this place had always been cursed.’ From racialized discourses on criminality to physical erasing of a marginalized Marseille neighborhood”**, Maroussia Ferry (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland)
- **“Where there is Hash, there is Smoke?: Exploring the Blame Game of Urbano-Maritime Geopolitics”**, Lene Swetzer (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland)
- **“‘At the end of the day, they leave and we stay.’ A story of women’s navigations of journalists’ intrusion in a “gangland” of Marseille”**, Alice Daquin (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland)
- **“Convincing the audience: creating counter-narratives in the struggle for justice of young stigmatised men growing up (and being killed) in the ‘ganglands’ of Naples”**, Chiara Feliciani (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland)
- **“Gangs of Milan, where are you?”**, Paolo Grassi (University of Milano Bicocca)
- **“Beyond protection: women’s participation in the ‘land mafia’ of North India”**, Akanksha Awal (University of Oxford)
- **“Extortion or taxes? Criminal leaders and fiscal authority in Kingston, Jamaica”**, Rivke Jaffe (University of Amsterdam)
- **Roundtable discussion: “Comparing gangs around the world”**

P6. Intersecting Crime and Security: Exploring Vigilantism beyond the State – Aula Grande

Chair: Ana Ivasiuc (Lecturer in the Anthropology of Crime and Security, Anthropology Department of Maynooth University), Martijn Oosterbaan (Associate Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Utrecht University)

- **“The production of order through the vigilante gaze – neighbourhood watches and informal policing in Germany”**, Tobias Neidel (Leipzig University)
- **“‘Police without uniforms’: Citizen Forces and State-Sponsored Vigilantism in Turkey”**, Hayal Akarsu (Utrecht University)
- **“‘Convivencia’ and the making of the vigilant citizen”**, Corina Tulbure (University of Barcelona)

DAY 2

- **"Defending the City: Vigilant Activism Against Marginalised People in Timișoara, Romania"**, Manuel Mireanu (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
- **"Watchful 'suspect subjects': Vigilance and (In)security in the US-Mexico borderlands"**, Eveline Dürr (Institut für Ethnologie, LMU Munich)
- **"Beyond the State: Space and entrepreneurship in contemporary practices of vigilantism in Europe"**, Ana Ivasiuc (Maynooth University, Ireland)
- **"The militias of Rio de Janeiro between security, protection and markets"**, Leonardo Brama (Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Università degli Studi di Perugia; INCT-InEAC Instituto de Estudos Comparados em Administração de Conflitos)

P7. Immigrant Communities and Crime: Challenging Populistic Responses – Aula Capitani

Chair: Clara Rigoni (Senior Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law)

- **"Deviant Migrant Identities & Mafias: reflecting the transcultural transformations of the Calabrian 'ndrangheta in Australia and Canada"**, Anna Sergi (University of Essex, UK)
- **"Looking for the juju. The criminalisation of Nigerian migrants in Italy"**, Vincenzo Scalia (Università degli Studi di Firenze)
- **"Alternative Dispute Resolution or Parallel Justice? Results from a Study on Conflict Resolution within Immigrant Communities in North Rhine-Westphalia"**, Clara Rigoni (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law)
- **"'Arab Clan Crimes' in Germany: Hysteria or Real Threat?"**, Mahmoud Jaraba (Erlangen Centre for Islam and Law in Europe (EZIRE))
- **"Distributing (In)Security after 9/11: Expanding Driver's License Access as a Matter of 'Public Safety'"**, Arantxa Ortiz (Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, United States)
- **"Nigerian criminal groups in Palermo"**, Stefano Becucci (Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Florence)

P8. Navigating Criminalisation – Aula Seminari

Chair: Agata Chelstowska (Post-Doc Jagiellonian University), Agata Dziuban (Professor at the Institute of Sociology of Jagiellonian University), Carmen Grimm (Research Assistant, Europäische Ethnologie at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

- **"Sickness as a moral justification for committing a 'crime': The Subjective experiences of people who use the nyaope drug in Soweto, South Africa"**, Keketso Peete (University of the Witwatersrand)
- **"Navigating policed abandonment of the sex worker community in the context of COVID-19 pandemic in Poland"**, Agata Dziuban (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University)
- **"Survival and solidarity practices in the criminalisation machine – The case of drug use in Poland"**, Justyna Struzik (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University)
- **"Rough seas: navigating abortion and criminalization"**, Agata Chelstowska (Jagiellonian University)

Morning Parallel Sessions

09:00am – 01:15pm

P9. Crimes of the powerful: state and corporate crimes, patrimonialism, clientelism, corruption and white-collar crimes / LUXCORE panel – Aula Grande

Chair: Rano Turaeva (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle), Aleksandr Kupatatdze (Senior Lecturer of criminology at Kings College London), Petr Kupka (Researcher, Department of Anthropology, University of West Bohemia)

- **"Examining the Overlap Between Corruption and Organised Crime: Evidence from the Field"**, Aleko Kupatatdze (Kings College of London)
- **"Soviet policing regimes: Policing migration and illegal practices of Police officers, judges and security officers in Russia and Central Asia"**, Rano Turaeva (LMU Munich)
- **"Political Corruption in Greece: Revisiting the Case of Akis Tsochatzopoulos"**, Georgios Karamanos (Lifeline Hellas)
- **"Livestock trade and brokerage in Uzbekistan: criminal procedure and agreements"**, Asror Kayumov (National University in Tashkent)
- **"Fictitious Billings and the Regulation of Spiritual Sales in Contemporary Japan"**, Ioannis Gaitanidis (Chiba University)

P10. Security and policing beyond the human – Aula Capitani

Chair: Pablo Holwitt (Lecturer at the Institute of Anthropology at Heidelberg University), Rivke Jaffe (Professor of Urban Geography, University of Amsterdam)

- **"Self-censorship in a Digital Asylum"**, Veronika Nagy (Utrecht University)
- **"Reimagining safe urban transport in COVID-19 era urban India"**, Pablo Holwitt (University of Heidelberg)
- **"The Tree as Weapon: securitizing through planting and uprooting trees in Israel/Palestine"**, Erella Grassiani (University of Amsterdam)
- **"Techno-Police: Digital Technologies and More-than-Human Securityscapes in Turkey"**, Hayal Akarsu (Utrecht University)

P11. Mixed panel on crime, criminalization and security – Aula Seminari

- **"Is it rape? Comments from rape defense lawyers"**, Bouna-Vaila Andromachi and Papanis Efstratios (University of Aegean):
- **"The Evolution of Mega Gangs in Venezuela: the Case of Tren de Aragua"**, Buse Nur Egin (University of Bologna)
- **"Gypsies (Lo'li) – an outlaw community of Uzbekistan"**, Ravshan Abduzohirov (National University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbek):
- **"Modernising Security: Vernacular (In)Securities in Tbilisi after the Rose Revolution"**, Tinatin Khomeriki (Ilia State University):
- **"Interpretations of security among forced migrants in collective accommodation"**, Leonie Jantzer (Leuphana University Lüneburg)
- **"Crime in the big data era: challenging imaginaries of smart security"**, Anita Lavorgna (University of Southampton)

DAY 3

Morning Parallel Sessions

09:00am – 01:15pm

Writing and Publication Laboratory – Aula Prodi

Afternoon session

02:40pm – 04:00pm – Aula Prodi

KEYNOTE

Delinquent ethnography? 25 years of gang research in Nicaragua and elsewhere

Dennis Rodgers

Dennis Rodgers is a Research Professor in Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to joining the Geneva Graduate Institute in 2018, Dennis Rodgers held appointments at the Universities of Amsterdam, Glasgow, Manchester, and the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research focuses principally on the dynamics of conflict and violence in cities, with tangents on the historiography of urban theory and popular representations of development. In 2018, he was awarded an ERC Advanced Grant for a project on “Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands: Towards a Comparative Global Ethnography” (GANGS), which aims to compare gang dynamics in Nicaragua, South Africa and France. He previously held appointments at the Universities of Amsterdam, Glasgow, Manchester, and the London School of Economics.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Further information online:

Dinner (May 18)



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Restaurants



Abstracts





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