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3rd International Correctional Research Symposium, March 27-30, 2023

Porto, Portugal

Call for Papers

“Rehabilitating Reintegration: Research and Reflections on What Works”

Corrections is not only about the time spent in prison. Since most of the people that we incarcerate are released and returned back to their communities at some point, a significant task of criminal justice agencies is also to focus on this eventual ‘return’. From both a decency and a public safety perspective, it is pivotal that prisons and probation do all they can to assist in reintegration. But what constitutes *good* or *effective* reintegration? What does a ‘successful’ transition from custody to the community look and feel like? What can we learn from research and practice in this regard? For this symposium, we welcome both evidence-based and practice-informed discussions of how meaningful re/integration can be achieved.

This third Correctional Research Symposium aims to elaborate on questions related to:

- What kind of reintegration approaches show a positive impact in terms of desistance, increasing human and social capital, public safety, or restoration?
- In what ways can prisons better initiate or facilitate re-entry? What can be learned from the challenges and successes of through-the-gate initiatives?
- How are reintegration practices viewed from different perspectives: e.g. by staff from prison and probation agencies; non-profit or private organisations; volunteers; victims and the community at large; families; and of course, those subjected to reintegration efforts?
- What is a successful implementation? How can it be measured and presented to guide decision makers?
- How can cooperation between different stakeholders improve the individual and social outcomes of time spent behind bars?
- What role can be played by external monitoring bodies in increasing the impact of successful reintegration?
- What is the role of digital technologies in reintegration practices?
- What approaches are most effective for specific groups, such as women, youth, indigenous populations, other minorities, or those with mental health or addiction needs?
- How can the role of education, peer support, or mentoring in corrections be enhanced as a successful reintegration practice?
- Which strategies can build judicial and public confidence, usefully involve communities, or impact successfully on reintegration and reparation?

- How can community-based corrections develop a more consistent practice ethos of ‘care and support’ rather than just ‘surveillance and control’?
- How can the work with offenders be expanded to include and build on the perspective of victims?
- How can research evidence guide prison and probation services in the design of re-integration measures?
- What is the future of reintegration practice and research?

If you are interested in presenting on any of the above topics, please send your abstract by December 21, 2022.

The Programme Committee will make a selection by the end of January and inform you if your presentation will be included in the Symposium.

You can also propose to combine several papers from different speakers into one 1.5 hour workshop or pre-arranged panel. It will, however, be up to the Programme Committee to select either one paper or the suggested combination.

The Symposium will address these questions through panel sessions with researchers and practitioners, through plenary presentations and workshops.

We are inviting experts from all over the world:

- Academics / researchers
- Prison and probation practitioners
- Director Generals / higher management
- Public and private sector stakeholders
- Individuals with lived experience

If you are not planning to present at the Symposium but are interested in attending, do not forget to mark the dates in your calendar!

Further information on event registration and accommodation will be posted on the CRS event page.

The Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn Porto Gaia Hotel in Porto, Portugal from March 27-30, 2023. Symposium events are open to all attendees. In addition to the two-day Symposium, there will be a half-day, university led pre-course event on the 27th of March and a set of post-Symposium tours of prison and community facilities on the 30th of March, followed by an opportunity to discuss impressions.

Monday, March 27	Half-day pre-conference training / University Campus in Porto
Tuesday, March 28	Plenaries and workshops
Wednesday, March 29	Plenaries and workshops
Thursday, March 30	Tours and post-tours plenary discussion

Submission form

Name of Speaker	
Names(s) of any co-speakers	
Organisation/Agency	
Country	
Email Address	
Telephone Number (inc. Country Code)	

Brief Description: This should be a summary explanation of what the presentation is about.
Maximum 100 words.

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Abstract: The Programme Committee review this and their decision is based on this text. We ask that abstracts are no more than 300 words.

Title:

Abstract:

Keywords: Please provide some keywords that describe the theme of your presentation.

Biography: Enter a **brief** biography here (100 words). Include a biography for any co-speakers (If applicable). Do not send or include a CV.

This form should be returned no later than 21st December 2022 to michellecarpentier@icpa.org

There is no need to send any additional materials.

The Programme Committee will notify you by the end of January on the outcome of their review.

In the meantime, please do mark the dates in your calendar.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Best regards,

CRS2023 Team