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WORKSHOP ON: Opening the Black Box of International Criminal Investigations: Challenges of Culture and Practice

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13-14 June 2024

Programme

Meeting room: **Karl Renner & Achille Loria** [1st floor]

Thursday 13th June 2024

08.45 – 09.00: Registration at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law [1st floor]

09.00 – 09.30: Introduction to the workshop

- [Sabine Frerichs](#), Scientific Director of the IISL and [Leire Kortabarria](#), Publications officer
- [Convenors](#) ([Dylan Drenk](#), [Nandor Knust](#), [Jack Staniland](#), [Annelies Vredeveldt](#))

09.30 – 10.45: Culture and international investigations

Chair: Jack Staniland

- [Adina Nistor](#): Addressing and assessing culture in international trials at the ICC: Benefits and limitations
- [Suzanne Schot](#): Locating witnesses for testimonial evidence: A slippery slope?
- [Nancy Combs](#): Ignorance really is bliss: The case for ignoring cultural differences in mass atrocity trials

10.45 – 11.15: *Coffee Break* [*Gurvitch & Galdos room*]

11.15 – 12.30: Eyewitness memory in cross-cultural contexts

Chair: Lorraine Hope

- [Amina Memon](#): Psychological approaches to understanding memory and decision making
- [Gabi de Bruïne](#): The way we remember and report: memory reports and line-up identifications across cultures
- [Alejandra de la Fuente Vilar](#): Cultural differences in communication errors and recovery strategies

12.30 – 14.00: *Lunch* [*Cantina Zapore*]

Thursday 13th June 2024 (continuation)

14.00 – 15.15: Memory and trauma in investigative interviews

Chair: Dylan Drenk

- **Annelies Vredeveldt:** Culture, trauma and memory in investigative interviews
- **Joyce van der Mark:** Support Behaviours in Cross-Cultural Police Interviews with (potentially) traumatized interviewees: An interactive dialogue
- **An Michels:** The Witness Feedback Project: Measuring the impact of witness- and process-related factors on the testimony experience and well-being of victims and witnesses at the International Criminal Court.

15.15 – 15.45: Coffee Break [Gurvitch & Galdos room]

15.45 – 17.15: International investigations: A different kettle of fish

Chair: Annelies Vredeveldt

- **Thijs Bouwknecht:** International investigations in space and time (geography and history)
- **Jack Staniland:** The practitioners' perspectives: Challenges in international criminal investigations
- **Yvonne McDermott:** The evaluation of user-generated evidence: Perspectives from the ICC Judiciary
- **Nandor Knust:** The use of new technologies in international criminal investigations

20:00: Conference dinner (to be paid by the participants)
Hotel Torre Zumeltzegi
<https://www.hoteltorrezumeltzegi.com/EN/restaurant.html>

Friday 14th June 2024

09.30-10.45: Challenges of practice in international criminal investigations: From the coalface

Chair: Nandor Knust

- **James Stewart:** Drawing on the experience of prosecuting at the international level in multicultural environments
- **Ignacio Tredici:** 'We are rolling dice with their lives.' The challenges of investigating international crimes, with emphasis on the security of witnesses
- **Eugenia Valenzuela:** Complementarity and cooperation in practice: harnessing cooperation in international criminal investigations

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break [Gurvitch & Galdos room]

11.15-12.30: Challenges of communication in cross-cultural contexts

Chair: Barbora Hola

- **Lorraine Hope:** Culture, memory, questioning, and rapport: Promoting the reporting of detail in investigative contexts
- **Dylan Drenk:** Cross-cultural communication in the courtroom
- **Xabier Agirre:** The insider paradox: Investigating with the most powerful and least reliable of witnesses

12.30-14.00: Lunch [Cantina Zapore]

Friday 14th June 2024 (continuation)

14.00-15.15: Investigative interviewing: Ways forward

Chair: Amina Memon

- **Ray Bull:** Improving the ethical interviewing of suspects
- **Martine Powell:** A guidance framework for modifying the investigative interview process across different cultural groups
- **Fiona Gabbert:** Using the Self-Administered Interview as an investigative tool in international criminal investigations

15.15-15.45: *Coffee Break* [*Gurvitch & Galdos room*]

15.45-17.45: Roundtable: Gathering input on new investigative interviewer training program

Chair: Fenia Ferra

- **Fenia Ferra:** Brief introduction on new training program
- **All workshop attendants:** Break into four expert panels on different topics
- **All workshop attendants:** Whole group discussion

17.45-18.15: Roundup and farewell